

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 15

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

## WORSHIP

April 19

10:30am

**Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

**Engaged Aging Sunday**

**Proclaimer:** Carol McEntyre

**Sermon:** The Fruits of Every Life Stage

**Scripture:** Psalm 92; John 15:1-12

**Service Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir, Bell Tower Ringers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of John and Mary Ellison by their daughters Jane Milford and Judi Rushton and their families and the family of the late Peggy Good.

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.



From the  
Minister of  
Engaged Aging

MICHAEL  
MCENTYRE

I spent the first decades of my ministry career working with students, and I am grateful to this church for the way it highlights our Youth and Children's Ministries by regularly incorporating children and youth into leadership roles in worship. I believe it is vital that we constantly demonstrate to students that they are not just the Church of the future, but a very real and important part of the Church right now. This is part of the reason I shudder at the term "Big Church" when referring to our Sanctuary service. To students, this seemingly harmless phrase can reinforce the intellectual undercurrent that worship is for adults, not for youth and children.

In transitioning to my role as Minister of Engaged Aging, I have found some of the same undercurrents I encountered in student ministry are present here, but from a different direction. Instead of telling students they are not just the church of the future but an important part of the present church, I now find it imperative to advocate that Engaged Aging adults are not just the church of the past, but that their stories and lives still carry invaluable importance for the church today. Just as I would tell students that when they graduate

from school they do not graduate from their faith, many of our Engaged Agers need to hear that when you retire from your career, it does not mean you retire from an active life in the church.

For reasons like these, I have grown to appreciate our intentionally focused worship services centered around the leadership of children, youth, and engaged aging adults. These services remind the congregation of the importance of the whole body. Youth Sunday and Children's Sunday inspire us when voices with so much yet to experience speak with passion and hope about where their faith will take them. Engaged Aging Sunday inspires us through voices that have experienced mountains and valleys in their faith journey and still testify that the faith of their youth, tested and shaped by time, is something to be treasured and shared.

These services also make us more aware of the easily overlooked challenges that participating in worship can present for members of our church family. Just as we may need to add steps to the pulpit for a child to be seen, for Engaged Aging Sunday we recognize our platform has no ramp and few rails and so we place the podium on the floor to make it more accessible. These gentle reminders push us toward our goal of inclusion, highlighting that the tapestry of God's kin-dom is most beautiful when all of its pieces are seen. We hope you will join us for Engaged Aging Sunday on April 19.

# MidWeek Spring Celebration for All Ages!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 5:00-7:00PM IN THE AYMC

Celebrate our final MidWeek gathering of the spring with your church family! We'll have a hot dog and hamburger supper for \$5 a plate, free TCBY frozen yogurt for the first 150 attendees, inflatables for children and youth, a soft play area for small children, music, pickleball and table games! Supper and all activities will take place in the AYMC, with indoor and outdoor seating available. This event takes the place of all other MidWeek events, including MidWeek Supper. Meal registration is required for everyone, even if you are on the permanent supper reservation list. Save the date, invite neighbors and friends, and get ready to send off the year in style! Register for a \$5 meal on Realm: <https://tinyurl.com/FBGmidweek>.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg,  
Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach



## Engaged Aging Worship April 19

Our morning worship service on Sunday, April 19, will intentionally feature those from the Engaged Aging Ministry in leadership. The purpose is to highlight the life and gifts that those in our EA community bring to our church body, while also guiding us in our worship practice. Additionally,

we post “Fun Facts” around the Narthex filled with interesting connection points to help the congregation better know one another (if you haven’t already submitted one, be sure to turn it in by April 12). This year, the Engaged Aging Ministry will expand its role even further by

leading in Youth Sunday School classes as an intergenerational way to connect and to help our students realize that faith is a life-long journey. It promises to be a meaningful Sunday, and we hope you will attend.

—Michael McEntyre,  
Minister of Engaged Aging

## Worship in Song on May 3

Sunday, May 3, will be an exciting day in our morning worship service as we celebrate a Sunday of musical worship. Led by our Sanctuary Choir, songs of the faith, taken from the Psalms—the musical book of the Bible—will shape our worship. New settings by contemporary composer Michael John Trotta will be featured, which include brass quintet and organ.

In addition to the music sung by the Sanctuary Choir, Parker Warren, one of our Herring Choral Scholars, will sing a solo. Our youth ensemble, Vocare, and our Children’s Choirs will also sing that day.

To add to the harmony of the day, we will celebrate communion and commission new Stephen Ministers. Plan now to be with your church family on Sunday, May 3, as we worship together through scripture, prayer, song and activity, employing all of our senses in the worship of God!

—Laura Ritter, Minister of Music  
Kimberly Coates, Music & Worship Ministry  
Assistant

# FBG Kids

## Hands on Greenville

FBG Kids would love to put together at least one team of children and their grownups to serve at Hands On Greenville on May 2, 8:00am-12:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to *Make Space* by serving our community together.

Please let us know if your family is interested in participating. Volunteer opportunities that allow children tend to fill quickly once they are released, so we are gathering interest now by registering in Realm.

## 5th Grade Luncheon

Fifth graders and their families are invited to a special luncheon as we celebrate this wonderful milestone together! Join us on Sunday, May 3, following worship in the Fellowship Hall as we honor this incredible class and give thanks for the joy, growth and spirit they have brought to FBG Kids.

This is a meaningful moment in their journey, and we would love for you to be part of it as we celebrate all that they have been and all that is ahead.

Please let us know you're coming by registering in Realm!

## Worship Arts Camp

Do you know a child ages 4K through 5th grade who loves to create, sing, play and explore?

Join us June 22-25, 9:00am-12:00pm, for Worship Arts Camp! Children will glaze pottery, learn to play hand chimes, sing songs, make bread, explore theater, play games, and discover how Jesus invites us to *Make Space at the Table*.

It will be a joyful week of creativity, friendship and faith made possible by the generous donations in honor of Jane Stelling.

Cost: \$50 per child

Ages: 4 years old through 5th grade

We can't wait to create, learn and celebrate together!

## Children's Sunday at FBG

At First Baptist, one of our core beliefs is the premise that "every member is a minister." This is a phrase that has been posted everywhere from our website to church t-shirts. At FBG, we believe that this applies to even our smallest congregants. Our children are not just the future of the church; they are the present! This belief shapes how we approach our Children's Ministry. Instead of just viewing children as vessels to be filled, we see them as important contributors to our church body. Because of this, we offer a dedicated Sunday each year to allow our children the opportunity to lead worship from start to finish. The children are involved in every aspect of the service: planning, speaking, Scripture reading, prayers, and so much more. In addition to leading the service, we also display the artistic offerings that our children have worked to create throughout the year in response to their Sunday School and Midweek programming. This day is not a performance or an art show, but an opportunity to take a step into childlike faith from the ones who know this concept best. This is a deeply special day to our children, and we would love to have your children/grandchildren participate with us on Sunday, April 26.

How to Participate:

K3 and Younger:

Families with littles are invited to join us in the processional and nursery caregivers will be available to help you transition them to Worship Care during the service. Children in these ages are also actively working on artwork for the service during Sunday School and Worship Care. ***You can register in Realm to let us know if you would like to join the processional.***

4K-5th Grade Prep Days:

On Wednesdays, April 8, 15 and 22, our Children in these age groups will be preparing for Children's Sunday during this *Making Space to Lead* Block, 5:45-7:00pm each night. ***No need to register for these dates.***

1st-5th Grade Sunday Prep Days:

On Sundays, April 12 and April 19, first through fifth graders will enjoy lunch together after worship and then prepare for Children's Sunday until 1:00pm. ***Please register in Realm for these dates.***

—Bridget Kokolis, Minister of Children

## Upcoming Events

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

- 4/15 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 4/16 10:00am-2:30pm Roadrunners to Tour Mushroom Mountain Farms
- 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
- 4/29 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities  
5:00-7:00pm MidWeek Spring Celebration

## Introducing

...Cliff and Jeanette Christian, who joined our church on April 5. They are already very active in First Baptist Greenville. Be sure to officially give them a warm welcome!



## Sympathy

...to the family of Keeter Horton.  
...to the family of Genevieve Manly.

### *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*

Please make reservations by noon on Monday at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

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 Dates

Friday, April 24, 1:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, April 25, 8:00am-1:00pm

Don't miss your opportunity to support this important fundraiser for our Neighborhood Partnership Ministry. Make plans now to volunteer or shop the Yard Sale!

## Congratulations

...to Claire and Denis Davis on the birth of a son, George Andrew Davis, born April 6, 2026. George's grandparents in our church are Charles and Elizabeth Davis.

...to Claire and Stephen Steffens on the birth of a son, Milo, born March 15, 2026.

  
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4/07/2026 YTD: \$769,558

4/13/2025 Actual: \$949,540

4/13/2026 Budget: \$1,026,333



Scan here to support the financial needs of First Baptist Greenville.

## 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.