

April 27, 2026

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 29

*Wednesdays@First* activities for this semester conclude this week with a MidWeek Spring Celebration in the AYMC. Gather with your church family for a \$5 hamburger and hot dog supper. Free TCBY frozen yogurt will be available for the first 150 attendees, too! There will be inflatables for children and youth, a soft play area for small children, music, pickleball and table games—all in the AYMC. Serving lines open at 5:00pm. Make your reservations here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBGmidweek>

## WORSHIP

May 3

10:30am

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

**Music Sunday**

**Service Musicians:** Children's Choirs, Vocare, Sanctuary Choir, Brass Quintet

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Edna and Tom Hartness from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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).



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

There's something special about carrying a piece of church, home, into your everyday life. In 2024, the Garden Friends, which is a group dedicated to helping tend and beautify the church grounds, divided the irises around our church

campus, a process that keeps them healthy and blooming. Rather than let those extra bulbs go to waste, they were shared with the congregation. Many of us took some home and planted them in our own gardens. Since then, mine have taken root and multiplied! This year, they were lovely.

It brings a smile to my face every time I walk past them in my yard. They remind me of the life we share together—the worship of God, caring for one another and serving together. What started as a simple act of caring for the flowers around campus grew into a beautiful reminder of our church family right outside my door.

P.S. If you didn't get any irises, they will need to be divided again in a couple of years!



April 29  
5:00-7:00pm  
MidWeek Spring Celebration

May 1  
10:30am-1:30pm  
Engaged Aging Lunch & More with  
Rick Huffman

May 6  
5:00pm  
Engaged Aging Line Dancing

# 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.

Each member of the mission team is paired with a Prayer Partner from our church family. Prayer Partners commit to praying for their participant each day of the trip, writing a short note for each day *in advance* and giving a small care package. These daily letters are given to participants to read throughout the week while in Costa Rica.

Time and again, students and leaders share how powerful it is to open those notes at the end of a long day, to be reminded that someone back home is praying for them by name and walking with them in spirit. Likewise, many Prayer Partners have found that this commitment deepens their connection not only to the participant, but to the mission itself.



I invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering to serve as a Prayer Partner for one of our team members. Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ in Costa Rica, not only through those who go, but through those who pray.

Please register on Realm Connect using this link: [tinyurl.com/CostaRicaPrayerPartner](http://tinyurl.com/CostaRicaPrayerPartner)

—Mary Carol Anderson, Minister of Youth & College

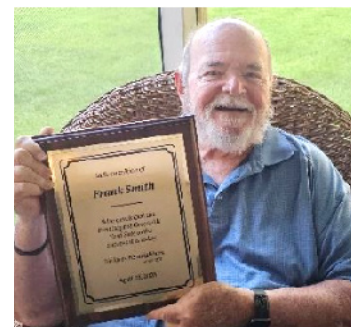
# Thank You for an Engaging Worship Service



We celebrated Engaged Aging (“EA”) Sunday in worship on April 19. Engaged Aging

is a term we use to talk about our ministry to and with our median and senior adults. Our Engaged Aging ministry strives to offer vibrant opportunities to build community and deepen faith throughout these years. Together, we’re exploring new ways to embrace life, faith and connection during these meaningful chapters. Our Engaged Aging service is one of ways we highlight the service and ministry of those within our EA community and continue to celebrate the life and gifts they offer our church family.

Thank you to all who helped make our Engaged Aging service meaningful, for those who led in worship, those who taught our Youth in Sunday School, those who turned in “Fun Facts,” and those who worked behind the scenes to bring everything together; our service would not have been the same without you. Special thanks to Mary Louise Green, whom we did not get to recognize on Sunday morning, but whose work with our monthly Engaged Aging Newsletter is enjoyed by so many. The Engaged Aging ministry was proud to honor Frank Smith during our service specifically for his work with creating and growing the Yard Sale fundraiser to support our Neighborhood Partnership ministries, but also for his lasting impact on so many in our church family and beyond.



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# Phillis Wheatley Community Center

## FOCUS ON MISSION IN MAY

A big thank you to our congregation for your generous donations in April to help Pendleton Place with the spring refresh of their bedrooms and bathrooms!

For the month of May, we will assist the Phillis Wheatley Community Center. Their mission is to “collaborate with community partners to provide the tools and resources to empower all individuals, with a special focus on those from underserved communities, to achieve upward mobility and self-sufficiency.” First Baptist Greenville will be collecting food donations and other items for the Hattie Duckett Food Pantry. This emergency food pantry, located on the

PWCC campus, offers non-perishable items for urgent food insecurity. It is open once per month to each individual or family who needs it. They also offer toiletries as donations allow. For more information about the Phillis Wheatley Community Center, please visit [philliswheatleysc.org](http://philliswheatleysc.org).

As always, First Baptist Greenville also continues to accept donations of canned fruit for United Ministries and canned pasta for Mission Backpack throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

—Catherine “Clay” Gilbert,  
Missions Committee



Benefitting the Hattie Duckett Food Pantry at the Phillis Wheatley Center

[HTTPS://PHILLISWHEATLEYS.C.ORG/SERVICES/#FOOD-PANTRY](https://philliswheatleysc.org/services/#FOOD-PANTRY)

Any of the listed items would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations in the Reception Area throughout May.

- Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna)
- Tuna Helper
- Hormel Complete Meals
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Chicken Broth
- Grits (Instant & Quick 5-Minute)
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Oatmeal (Instant)
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Bathroom Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Bar Soap

## Happy Birthday!

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

05/2

Frances Ridgill  
Corinne Stewart  
Bob Simmons

5/5

Betty King

5/11

Rachel Mullinax

5/13

Janelle Rogers

5/9

Millie Wilson

5/12

Doris Clanton

5/28

Dick Stanford

## Thank You for an Engaging Worship Service, continued from page 2

If you would like to know more about our Engaged Aging ministry. I would love to talk with you. I encourage you to check out our website, or even better, join us for one of our events or trips. We look forward to discovering all the ways God is building this community and engaging them together.

—Michael McEntyre,  
Minister of Engaged Aging



*“Being a part of this church has enriched my life and taught me that no matter what age you are, there is a place of service and belonging for you here. If that resonates with you, I encourage you to come be a part of the engaging work of First Baptist.”*

—Evelyn Scaringi

## Upcoming Events

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

- 4/29 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First Activities*  
5:00-7:00pm MidWeek Spring Celebration (AYMC)
- 5/1 10:30am- 1:30pm Engaged Aging Lunch & More with Rick Huffman
- 5/3 9:15am Sunday School  
**WATCH** 10:30am Music Sunday  
Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre  
2:30-3:30pm Grief Support Group (Chapel)  
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 5/6 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
5:00pm Engaged Aging Line Dancing
- 5/10 **WATCH** 10:30am Music Sunday  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5/13 Engaged Aging Hike

**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.

**Revenue Report**  
Current YTD Actual (thru 04/21/26) \$855,866  
Compare to 4/30 YTD  
Prior Year Actual (2025) 949,540  
Current Year Budget (2026) 1,026,333



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# 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/DBGmidweek>.

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg,  
Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach

