

WORSHIP

MidWeek Fellowship Live

Wednesday, September 9

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook Live

Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of Jesus:
The Annunciation

***Be at Peace* (Peace Center)**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook Live
and Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: Generosity Is Always a Good
Choice

Bell Tower Ringers Ensemble

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook Live here:

[https://www.facebook.com/
fbcgreenvillesc/](https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/)

**Access Radio (Sunday morning only)
here:**

89.3-HD4, 91.9 FM, 92.9 FM

AYMC Walking Track

AYMC walking track hours, by
appointment only,

Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon.

Email aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com
for appointment.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

If your mailbox has been like my mailbox, it's been void of the typical invitations. Oh, there have been a few, but the number of opportunities to gather, celebrate and mark the milestones of life have been few and far between this year. Graduation invitations, wedding invitations, birthday party invitations and now the early holiday party invitations are missing, but if you've been waiting for some meaningful invitations to come your way, here are three!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE for the next ten Wednesday evenings. Rather than cross the ocean and walk where Jesus walked, we'll be traveling the internet to follow the footsteps of our Lord. Each week, Claudia Borchart (videod from the Holy Land) and I will visit the holy sites of Israel and Palestine with you. The journey begins each Wednesday evening at 6:15pm via Livestream and Facebook Live. It's free, and you are invited!

YOU ARE INVITED TO...BE AT PEACE. That's right! Be at the Peace Center on the 2nd Sunday of each

month (beginning this Sunday, September 13) at 10:30am for morning worship. Seating capacity is 550 worshippers. You may reserve your seats here (<https://tinyurl.com/y3olo6jf>). There is no charge to attend (other than your usual tithes and offerings), but the reservation allows the Peace Center to assign our seats and keep us socially distanced. Please plan to pay for parking (unless you're just lucky and find a free spot), wear a mask, and feel free to bring your children to the service, since no childcare will be provided. We are gathering for worship, and you are invited!

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE A... SUNDAY DRIVE. On the 3rd Sunday evening of this month at 6:00pm, we will gather at the Greenville Drive Stadium (Get it? Sunday Drive?), aka Fluor Field, for a Celebration of Children's Ministry. Bibles, Acolyte Crosses, and prayers will be given to and offered for our children who are reaching milestones in their spiritual journeys. It will be familiar liturgy... in an odd place...but with a beautiful church family. You are invited!

Join us in person if you can. All services will be broadcast via Livestream and Facebook Live if you can't join us otherwise. Everyone is invited!

— Jim

Fruit DRIVE Thru for Jim's Birthday! September 20, 1pm-4pm

Drive through the covered drive between the Rotunda and Fellowship Hall, and stay in your car as socially distanced church volunteers collect your fruit. Can't drive thru that day? You may also shop the United Ministries Amazon wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/uminfruit>; donate on Wednesdays between 10am and 6pm until further notice (covered drive between the Rotunda and Fellowship Hall); deliver directly to UM Monday-Friday, 8am-noon Monday-Friday at 606 Pendleton Street.

Grief Support Group 2020 to Meet via Zoom

EACH MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 4-5PM

It's always hard to lose a loved one, but with the restrictive reality of the COVID pandemic, this year has been an extraordinarily hard time to say our good-byes. From restrictions on hospital and nursing home visits to restrictions on funerals and gatherings, we haven't been able to grieve those we loved in the ways we always imagined we would. Research shows over and over again that the best ways to move through a season of grief always includes a community of support and understanding. We are social creatures, and we grieve socially and need that connection to other humans in our times of suffering. That's why I'm so excited to begin our annual Grief Support Group on October 5! This year, I'll be convening and leading our grief support group via Zoom instead of meeting in person. This will allow all our participants to join virtually from a place that


feels safe to them and will hopefully open up access to folks who may not be able to drive. I invite you, if you have lost a loved one within the last year or so, to email or call me to sign up and be a part of this group. We will do a "test run" the day before our first meeting for anyone who would like to make sure their technology is working appropriately! Then we'll meet together via Zoom for six Mondays in a row, working our way through conversations, educational materials and exercises built to facilitate our processing of grief. Please let me know of any questions you have, and don't forget to email (kendra.plating@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or call (233-2527 ext.104) to sign up—spaces are limited. I'm looking forward to this meaningful time with each of you!

—Kendra

Fitness Room Reopens

I am excited to announce that the Fitness Room opens on September 8. We will operate the same as the Walking Track, Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon by appointment only, with a maximum of two people at a time. If all continues to go well at the AYMC, we plan on extending our hours some to accommodate those that work. Stay tuned for an announcement about that later in the fall. In the meantime, call (864-370-2424) or email (aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com) to make your Fitness Room or Walking Track appointment. See you soon!

—Mittie



WORK OUT WITH US!

AYMC
Fitness Room

Reopening Tuesday,
September 8

Monday–Friday
8:00 am–12:00 pm
By Appointment Only

For appointment contact aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com

Introducing Sarah Ramsey-Smith

DIRECTOR OF OUR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Sarah Ramsey-Smith has been hired as Director of our Special Needs Ministry. Sarah grew up at First Baptist and is the daughter of Becky and Todd Ramsey. She and her husband, Paul, moved to Greenville from Asheville about a year and a half ago. They have 2 young sons, Josiah and Daniel. Sarah has her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from The Medical University of South Carolina. Most recently, she worked in Spartanburg District 7 as an occupational therapist specializing in evaluating and treating students to reduce barriers to participation in the school environment. She helped develop and implement Individualized Education Plans and provided training for teachers to assist students as they worked to achieve their goals.

As director of our Special Needs Ministry, Sarah will work with each of our families with children of differing needs to create a plan for the spiritual development of each child. She will attend to the children's sensory, motor function, and cognitive needs to enhance their spiritual development. Another of our goals is to minister to the entire family through activities outside our regular Sunday School and worship time.

In her letter voicing her interest in this position, Sarah said, "I believe that children of all abilities are beloved children of God and deserve our utmost attention and care.....[and] that the works of God can be displayed through all children, including differently-abled children." Having a person with her abundance of skill and



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training along with her loving heart will elevate our ministry to all of our children. Please join me in welcoming Sarah to this very important work.

—Juli

Calling All FBG Kids!

YOU'RE INVITED!

You might have been through a drive through before, and we bet you've been to a party before, but have you have ever been to a Drive-Through Party at First Baptist Greenville?

To celebrate the strange beginning of our back to school season, the Preschool Ministry and the Children's Ministry are joining together to throw a party for all FBG kids, preschool through 5th grade. This Friday, September 11, from 4-6 pm, we hope you'll pull through the rotunda breezeway for a fun Friday afternoon treat! Families will stay in their cars and be safely served goodies from TCBY! (Servers will be masked and gloved.) Families will also be

given materials for at-home church programming for our kids. Who knows what other surprises may be in store!

So that we can be sure we have enough treats and take home supplies to go around, please rsvp at <https://forms.gle/9m13KsYSXWh5Xcny9>.

We can't wait to see you!

—Juli and Becky

PRESCHOOL-CHILDREN

Upcoming Events

(links on church website)

- 9/9 4:00pm Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
Middle School Youth (AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Annunciation
- 9/11 4:00-6:00pm Preschool &
Children's Ministries Event:
Drive-By Frozen Yogurt
- 9/13 10:30am *Be at Peace* (Peace
Center)
Proclaimer: Jim Dant
Bell Tower Ringers Ensemble
5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
- 9/16 4:00pm Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
Middle School Youth (AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Birth

- 9/20 10:30am Communion
Proclaimer: Jim Dant
Darby Wilcox, Soloist
1:00-4:00pm Jim Dant's
Birthday Fruit DRIVE for
United Ministries
6:00pm (Take a) *Sunday Drive*
(Fluor Field)
- 9/23 4:00pm Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)



Meals to Go

Uptown Catering continues to provide meals to go as well as Wednesday Night Specials at FBG pricing! Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop>) to view their menu options. All meals will be available for drive-thru pick up at the kitchen door—you don't even have to get out of your vehicle!

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 9/5

\$1,817,305

Receipts as of 9/4

\$1,707,403

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

September 7-13
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

September 14-20
Kendra Plating
828-208-1313 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 9/8

Hospitals

St. Francis-Downtown: Brenda Ballard

Rehab

NHC-Greenville: Joan Garrett
Woodlands at Furman: Doris Clanton

Discharged

Frank Smith, Fran Jones

Sympathy

...Gene Morin and family in the death of his brother-in-law.

...to the family of Carolyn Furman.

...to Lora Johnstone in the death of her cousin.

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Friday Morning Bible Study

Short Stories and Sermons: A Study of the Parables (Fall Semester) and Sermons and Teachings Teachings (Spring Semester) of Jesus

Facilitated by Michelle McClendon

Fall semester: Fridays, September 18-November 20, 2020, 10-11:30am. Zoom Meeting platform. Can be accessed via phone, tablet, or computer. Zoom account not required for access.

Cost is \$50 per semester payable to Michelle McClendon via Venmo, PayPal, check or cash.

To Register for Fall contact Michelle McClendon (michellemc216@gmail.com) or Becky Bouton (beckybouton@gmail.com). The deadline to register is September 14.