



EVERYDAY

A Publication of Greer First Baptist Church



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



Mize Family circa 2016

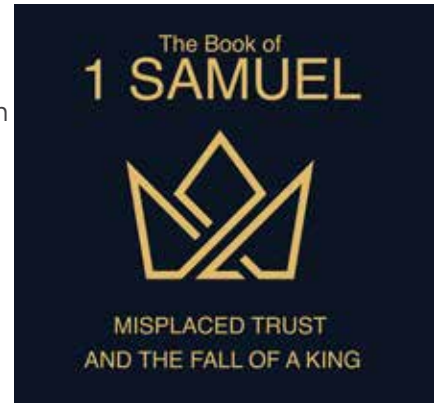
A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

What a wonderful Easter Season we've had at Greer First Baptist. I want to say again how much our family enjoys being a part of the family of God at Greer First Baptist Church. On Sunday, April 17, we will mark my 8th anniversary here. Time sure flies! We are thankful to each one of you as we continue to seek to do what I promised that first day, eight years ago...Keep Jesus Christ as our focus.

This spring we continue our walk through my favorite Old Testament book, First Samuel, where we will see Israel's first king, Saul! I believe you will learn much from this series, titled "SAUL: MISPLACED TRUST AND THE FALL OF A KING."

These are the exciting and important days at our church. With our city exploding with growth, God continues to bring people to us who need a church, and most importantly, a Savior! I know you will continue to help us stay on mission - the mission of Jesus, to seek and save that which is lost.

In Christ,



Spring MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS 6 - 7:15 pm
MIDWEEK is designed to help draw you closer to God and grow in your relationship with Christ while developing meaningful relationships with others.

HIS Kids, 1st – 5th Grade | Mission Friends, Ages 3-5
Middle & High School – "Freedom"
Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Bible Study for All Adults **theology** FOR THE REST OF US

Led by Dr. Travis Kerns, Room 206

This study is designed to give easy-to-understand answers to some of the toughest questions about God, the Bible, and Christian theology.

Midweek Sunday School, Room 402
Led by Larry James

For anyone who is not able to attend Sunday School because of work or serving elsewhere on Sunday mornings, this is a great place to dig deeper into God's Word.

Bible Studies for Women

Luke

Wednesdays, 9 am or 6 pm, Room 309
All women are invited to join us as Bible teacher, Lisa Harper, exposes the utter humanity and compassion of Jesus shared by Luke. Dive deep into the well of perhaps the most common-man exposition of the gift of Jesus.
Luke Bible Study Book Plus Streaming Video: \$16
Register in Realm or stop by the Welcome Center.

The Book of Philippians

6 pm, Room 111

In this casual study aimed at busy working moms and young professionals, we will read verse-by-verse through the letter of Philippians. Our goal is to learn to face the trials of life with the incomprehensible joy that can only be found in God.
There is no charge for this study. You only need a Bible.

Calendar

Every Week

SUNDAY

9:15 am

20 Somethings Co-ed	111
Co-ed Sr. Adults (Waters)	Parlor
Adult Women (Wilson)	112
Co-ed Sr. Adults (James)	402
Co-ed Adults (Woodbridge)	308
Called to Serve Adults (Neely)	206
Co-ed Adult 50's	208
Young Adults (Nall)	300
Co-ed Adult Multigenerational	305
Young Families (Walker)	306
Parents of Teen/Preteens (Adams)	309
Students Middle & High School	

Loft Café

Preschool & Children

First Floor Check-in

10:30 am

Worship, HIS Kids Worship
Nursery for Birth – Age 3

4 pm

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

6:30 pm

College Ministry, Meets off campus

TUESDAY

10 am

Japanese Conversation Class
Room 112

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK

9 am

Women's Bible Study

6 pm

Mission Friends / HIS Kids Bible Study
Student Ministry Bible Study
Adult Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10 am

English Conversation Class , Room 112

APRIL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

MIDWEEK Activities Resume

APRIL 5 - 7

Students DNOW Weekend

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Japanese Worship, 3 pm, Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Friendly Neighbors, 11 am

MONDAY, APRIL 15

WMU Monthly Meeting, 2 pm, Parlor

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Japanese Worship, 3 pm, Parlor

Deacon's Meeting, 3 pm, Room 112

MAY

MAY 4-10 COLLEGE STUDENT'S
PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Japanese Worship, 3 pm, Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Friendly Neighbors, 11 am

SUNDAY, MAY 12 *Mother's Day*

Parent Commissioning Child
Dedication

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Japanese Worship, 3 pm, Parlor

MONDAY, MAY 20

WMU Meeting, 2 pm, Parlor

Deacon's Meeting, 3 pm, Room 112

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.

Psalms 29:2, 11 NLT

As I reflect on all that God is doing in our worship ministry, I am filled with gratitude. We have such a wonderful and gifted team that faithfully serves and worships God through their giftedness and love for Christ and people. Whether it's in choir, praise team, band, production, hand bells, or media, we have students and adults who are a blessing to our church and to guests who are looking for a church home (both present and online). We have many opportunities in every area of our ministry, so if you are interested in finding out more about how you could serve with us, please reach out!

Giving God praise is what we all were created for and what God desires from us. Even in the midst of hard circumstances, whether it's a health crisis, the loss of a job, a family or relationship struggle, the loss of someone we love, or just a season of hurt and brokenness, we can still choose to honor and worship God through it all. When we praise God in the midst of all those things, we find greater purpose in the pain and God gives us strength and peace through our praise. Giving God praise, no matter what happens, is the only thing we can control. Peace comes out of our praise.

Contact Richie at richiekingsmore@greerfbc.org or Mandy at mandysherer@greerfbc.org.

Richie Kingsmore
Worship Pastor

SERVING at Church: Where to Start?

There are many ways to serve right here at our church, but often we are hesitant because we don't feel qualified, or we don't want to obligate our time for fear we can't keep the commitment. While each area has specific guidelines and training, serving is both a great way to connect with other church family members, and most importantly, serving is a gift as unto the Lord of your time and talents.

REALM has a new feature we invite you to complete that allows you to mark your availability, skills, and interests. Log into your account, click "MORE..." in bottom right corner, then select "Serving" and follow the prompts to complete your serving profile.



Please reach out to the ministry contact below to find out more.

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Prayer Ministry
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Realm Church Database Connect App

If you do not have a REALM account, email Carole Morris at carolemorris@greerfbc.org and she will send you an invitation.

Find out more and download the REALM APP by visiting greerfbc.org/realm.

Greer First PRAYS

Perhaps you are new to Greer First and do not yet know about our Prayer Ministry.

Here are a few key elements of our Prayer Ministry:

- We pray each week in our Prayer Room during the Sunday School and Worship hours.
- Our volunteers typically pray from the comfort of their homes so that this ministry can pray for every person affiliated with Greer First EACH WEEK.
- We pray for missions and ministries in our church, locally, and around the world.
- We pray for the lost.
- We pray for requests that are sent to greerfirstprays.org.
- Prayer requests and updates are sent via email to those who request this information.
- We have a prayer telephone line where you can hear a current list of prayer needs: 864-801-0755

Are You a Prayer Warrior?

Our Prayer Ministry is unique in that you can serve anytime and from anywhere! As you can see, there are many ways you can serve. We encourage you to get involved by contacting Debbie Teague at debbieteague@greerfbc.org.

Parent Commissioning/Child Dedication

Mother's Day, May 12

This special time set aside in our worship service is where we, as a church, acknowledge that our parents have been specifically chosen by God to raise up their child in the way they should go. We commit to partner with parents and pray for them in this wonderful journey of parenthood. This time is not only for babies, so if you are a parent of a child who has not yet been dedicated, we invite you to participate.

Ashley and Daniel have been commissioned with a two-month-old and another time with an almost four-year-old. If you are interested in being a part of this special service, please email Ashley!



MEET ABBY MATSON

Children's Ministry Intern

Hello! My name is Abby Matson, and I am so excited to be serving as an intern with Greer First's children's ministry this summer! I am going into my senior year at North Greenville University where I study English, and for the past three years, have been blessed to call Greer First home. I have always loved children, and, throughout my time at college, the Lord has presented me with many different opportunities to pour into kids, whether that be through summer camp, at Church, or on mission trips. I have grown to love teaching and spreading the love of Christ to younger generations. I am looking forward to getting more experience with children's ministry and building relationships with the children and their families!

SUMMER 2024



June 17-20 | 9am-1pm

Sports Camp is a 4-day camp where kids have a blast playing different sports and engaging in daily devotions. Cost: \$90

For kids that have completed K5 - 5th Grades.
Registration now open in Realm.



Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and we all should speak the truth in love.
Registration now open in Realm.

GREER FIRST STUDENTS



student ministry *SPRING* calendar

April 5-7

DNOW Weekend

*tune my
Heart*

DNOW (or disciple now) Weekend is for Middle and High School Students to worship, fellowship, and grow together. Students will

be assigned a host home based on age and gender where they will spend Friday and Saturday night as well as have small group discussions. The cost of the event is \$100 which includes all meals, activities, and t-shirt.

April 21

CLASS OF 2024

Graduate Sunday

If you have a student graduating from high school or college, please send their name, plans for the future, and a recent photo to jgfaulk@greerfbc.org. We would love to honor them as a part of our service. There will be a lunch for graduates and their families following the service.

April 24

Theme night, Country vs. Country club

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their best themed outfits for a night of fun as we close out April Midweek

May 4-9

Puerto Rico Mission Trip
(College Students)

May 22

Midweek Luau

Join us as we celebrate the kickoff of summer with a luau in the green space with food and games.

June 2

Summer Bible Study

I hope your students can join us through the summer as we meet in homes for midweek Bible studies. Our intern team will take turns teaching on the different miracles of Jesus



FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

Senior Adult Ministry of Greer First

Meet at the church 11 am. Lunch is Dutch Treat.

Please RSVP/register by calling the church office, 864-877-4253.

Tuesday, April 9 - North Greenville University

The church bus will transport us to North Greenville University to view the Miller Bible Museum which contains a collection of rare, printed Bibles, language Bibles, and artifacts that illustrate the historical development of the written Word of God. Lunch on campus. J.G. Faulk, Students and College/Young Adults Minister, will accompany us.



Tuesday, May 7 - Strawberry Hill

The church bus will transport us to Strawberry Hill USA for lunch. Be prepared to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the largest strawberry farm in South Carolina.

WMU[®]

God's mission.
Our passion.

The women of WMU serve our community through prayer, supporting local mission partners and mission education. If you are interested, please join us for our meetings!



WMU Monthly Meetings | 2 pm, Parlor

April 15

Please join us to learn about a local ministry called Homes of Hope. A representative from their Men's Workforce Development program will be our guest. This is a voluntary, one-year residential program where men overcoming addictions can pursue change through biblical-based discipleship, life skills and construction-related job training. homesofhope.org

May 20

Ingrid Woodbridge has a doctorate in Biblical Counseling from South Eastern Seminary and is a Member Care Consultant for the International Mission Board. She and her husband are based in Bonheim, Germany, where she serves as a professor at Biblical Seminary Bonn and South Eastern Seminary. Ingrid is the daughter-in-law of our members, Sandy and Russ Woodbridge.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

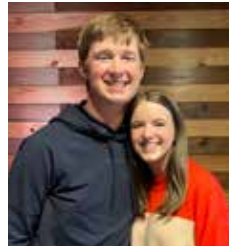
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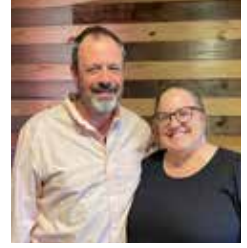
Joseph Burnett
Maggie Compton
February 11, 2024
By Baptism and Letter



Matt & Morgan Dougherty
Benji & CeCe
February 25, 2024
By Letter



Luke & Rachel Jacobs
February 11, 2024
By Statement



Chuck & Amy Neely
February 11, 2024
By Statement



Christopher & Nayra Poek
Alyssa
February 11, 2024
By Letter



Clecio & Roberta Ferreira
Giovanna, Rebecca & Davi
February 11, 2024
By Statement

Staff

- Doug Mize**, Pastor
- Ashley Elliott**, Children's Ministry Director
- J.G. Faulk**, Students and College/Young Adults Minister
- Skylar Johnson**, Financial Administrative Assistant
- Kim Keller**, Women's Ministry & Communication Director
- Richie Kingsmore**, Worship Pastor
- Dan Dather**, Discipleship & Group Life Leader
- Carole Morris**, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor
- Amy Ponder**, Preschool Director
- Justin Preston**, Facilities Manager
- Amanda Rone**, Media Coordinator
- Mandy Sherer**, Worship Ministry Assistant
- Aki Shigemi**, Japanese Pastor
- Debbie Teague**, Receptionist

Email Us

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2024-25 School Year
Registration NOW OPEN!
Limited space available in 4-day and 5-day FIVES class.

www.greerfbc.org/preschool



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