

Fall 2023

GROW@FIRST

Weekly Discipleship

And I pray that you
*may be active in
sharing your faith,*
so that you may have
a full understanding
of every good thing
we have in Christ.

— *Philemon 1:6*



Come Grow@First!

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to this new season, we are excited to share our fall weekly Bible study and discipleship opportunities with you. I think you'll find there is something available for everyone in every season of life. So, come and grow with us! Our deepest prayer is that you will find ways to grow and mature in your faith and in community with others.

Yours in Christ,

Claire

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

—Colossians 2:6-7



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Sunday • 9:00am–12:30pm
Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm
Wednesday Evening • 5:30–7:30pm

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Worship & Discipleship



SUNDAY MORNING

At First Presbyterian Church, our pastors and music staff plan and organize services that cultivate and nurture worship which is modeled on biblical and reformed principles. We invite congregants to encounter God through engaging in musical worship, Scripture reading, biblical sermons, and moments of prayer.

From newborns to ninety year olds, there is a place for you! We want you to feel welcomed as you worship, learn, and grow in your faith, and share the love of Christ with others.

Traditional Worship

In our traditional service, you'll find a worship experience that is engaging, vibrant, and life-transforming.

- ◆ **Sunday** • 8:30–9:35am and 11:00am–12:10pm • Sanctuary
- ◆ **Live Streaming** • FirstPresgreenville.org/watch

IGNITE Contemporary Worship

Whether you're new to the faith or grew up in the church, you'll feel right at home in Ignite, our worship service that has a more informal setting and modern worship style, while still honoring our timeless traditions.

- ◆ **Sunday** • 10:45–11:55am • Worship and Arts Center
- ◆ **Live Streaming** • FirstPresgreenville.org/watch

Sundays for Children ◆ *See page 5 for details*

- ◆ **Nursery** • 8:30am–12:10pm
- ◆ **Sunday School** • 9:30–10:30am (K2–5th grade)
- ◆ **Kids Church** • 10:30am–12:10pm (K2–K5)

Children 1st Grade and older should attend worship with their families. There is an exception for children whose parents are serving that day and children with special needs.

Sundays for Students: Grades 6-12 ◆ *See page 6 for details.*

- ◆ 9:30–10:35am • Room A106

Sunday Life Groups for Adults ◆ *See page 7 for details.*

- ◆ 9:45–10:40am

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home?

We invite you to attend one of our **Discover First** New Member Weekends. Come find out more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (Events tab).

2023-2024 Discover First New Member Weekends

September 8-9, 2023 | February 9-10 • April 12-13 • June 14-15 • September 6-7



Children's Ministry

We desire to demonstrate to children of all ages that a relationship with Jesus Christ is an essential part of even a very young person's life. Through Bible teaching and relationships with their teachers, children are taught that they have the opportunity to begin a spiritually abundant life at an early age, to live daily in grateful dependence upon the Lord God, and to learn what it means to glorify God and enjoy His presence forever.

Sunday

- ◆ **Nursery** • 8:30–12:10pm • under 2 as of September 3, 2023 • Nursery Suite
- ◆ **Sunday School** • 9:30–10:30am • K2–5th grade • Children's Wing (two check-in locations)
- ◆ **Kids Church** • 10:30am–12:10pm • K2–K5 • Children's Wing (two check-in locations)

Children 1st grade and older should attend worship with their families. There is an exception for children whose parents are serving that day and children with special needs.

Wednesday

5:30pm–6:15pm Resumes September 6

Covenant Choir • 3rd–5th grade • Room C205

6:15pm–7:15pm (doors open at 6:00pm) Resumes September 6

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| ◆ Age 0-24 months | Nursery • Nursery Suite |
| ◆ Ages 2-3 | Bible Lesson and Play • Room C103 |
| ◆ Ages 4-5 | Cherub Choir • 6:15–6:45pm • Room C205 |
| | Bible Lesson • 6:45–7:15pm • C201 |
| ◆ 1st–2nd grade | Bible Lesson • 6:15–6:45pm • Room C201 |
| | Carol Choir • 6:45–7:15pm • Room C205 |
| ◆ 3rd–5th grade | Bible Lesson • 6:15–7:15pm • Room C301 |
| | Covenant Choir • 5:30–6:15pm • Room C205 |

Special Needs Ministry

If you have a child with special needs and would like assistance on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please contact Tina Jones to discuss how we can best assist your family (864.565.0921 or tjones@firstpresgreenville.org). You may also want to fill out the Special Needs Care form on the church website at firstpresgreenville.org/connect/ministries/children.

Need Assistance?

- ◆ **Evelyn Penkert:** epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0963 (for K5 & under)
- ◆ **Karen King:** kking@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0936 (for 1st–5th grade)
- ◆ **Lori Shelton:** lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org (for choirs)



Student Ministry

Here at First Presbyterian Church, we believe that the middle and high school years are a vital time for spiritual development in the lives of our students. It is a time when students have legitimate, real questions about life, who they are, and even their own faith. It is a time of searching for their own identity in society, finding where they fit in, and sorting out their beliefs. Some students truly thrive at this age, while others hold on for dear life.

The Roots Student Ministry objective is to show our students Christ and to teach them that through Him, we can find our identity, we can find our calling, and we can share that message with others. We encourage students to put down deep ROOTS to enable them to grow strong and flourish.

Sunday Life Groups

- ◆ **Junior High and Senior High Combined Sunday Life Group**

Junior High and Senior High students meet together to join in fellowship and teaching.

- Sunday • 9:30–10:35am • A106

- ◆ **Resonate Worship** • *See MUSIC, page 17*

- September 2023–April 2024 • Sundays 4:00–5:00pm • Harper Chapel

Wednesday

- ◆ **Junior High (grades 6-8) Resumed August 16** • 5:45–7:15pm • A106

- ◆ **Senior High (grades 9-12) Resumed August 16** • 7:30–9:00pm • A106

Retreats and Mission Trips

- ◆ **Junior High**

- Fall Retreat • October 20-22
- Spring Retreat • April 26-28, 2024
- Summer Camp • June 24–June 29, 2024

- ◆ **Senior High**

- Fall Retreat • October 20-22
- Winter Retreat • February 16-19, 2024
- Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic • July 21-26, 2024

Need Assistance?

Mason Simmons • msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org



Adult Sunday Life Groups

The primary focus of Sunday Life Groups is to help Christians learn how to live with God's Word shaping everything they think and accomplish in every aspect of life, enabling them to grow into maturity as disciples. There are groups for all ages and stages of life.

Do you need help finding your place or a starting point while looking for a Sunday Life Group? Start with the Next Steps Sunday Life Group

Young Adult Sunday Life Groups ♦ 9:45–10:35am

- ♦ **Cornerstone** (singles, post high school–late 20s) ♦ Room B401
(contact Catherine Culler, catherine@godshall.com)
- ♦ **The Gathering** (singles & couples, 20s and 30s) ♦ Room B304 & Zoom
(contact Margaret Dixon, mdixon21@charter.net)
- ♦ **Journey** (couples & singles, 30s) ♦ Room B305
(contact Kent Barber, kbarber@southerntide.com)



Adult Sunday Life Groups ♦ 9:45–10:35am

- ♦ **Agape Fellowship** (mature couples & singles) ♦ Room B206
(contact Ed Reed, edreed@bellsouth.net)
- ♦ **Covenant** (mixed ages) ♦ Room B315
(contact Joe Payne, chaneyhill@bellsouth.com)
- ♦ **The Flock** (50s & up) ♦ Room D305 (Room B109 during August)
(contact Tom Angermeier, tgangermeier@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Flourish** (single women, 40 & up) ♦ Room B313
(contact Kate Schmitz, kateschmitzplanner@hotmail.com)
- ♦ **Foundations** (couples & singles, 40s) ♦ Room B306
(contact Adam Bach, adamcbach@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **Gospel Partners** (mixed ages) ♦ Room B302 & Zoom at 9:30am
(contact Don Phillips, dkpslp1977@outlook.com)
- ♦ **GRACE** (all ages welcome) ♦ Room B314
(contact Ken Chapman, kenchapman360@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **Koinonia** (couples & singles, all ages) ♦ Room B303
(contact David Dykes, daviddykes201@charter.net)
- ♦ **Next Steps** (new members & visitors) ♦ Room B312
(contact Karen Van Galder, vangalderkaren@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Prime Time** (adults of all ages) ♦ Room D302 (Harper Chapel in August)
(contact Richy Milligan, richy.milligan@easterfirst.com)
- ♦ **R. N. Ward** (50s plus) ♦ Room B301 & Zoom
(contact John Bearden, johnhbearden@charter.net)
- ♦ **S.A.L.T.** (couples & singles, all ages) ♦ Room B311 & Zoom
(contact Jessica Goodwin, jycg2006@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **The Road** (singles & couples, mid 40s–early 60s) ♦ Room B307
(contact Anne Williams, awilliams1124@att.net)
- ♦ **The Way** (couples & singles, all ages) ♦ Room B404
(contact Clay Brown, claybrown@gmail.com)



Watch for room updates as our construction project progresses.



Adult Weekly Studies & Groups

SUNDAY

GriefShare Support Group: *The Journey from Mourning to Joy*

Dates: September 10–December 10 ♦ 3:00–5:00pm

Location: Staff Conference Room D210

Contact: Leslie Warner ♦ 864.565.0966

Register: GriefShare.org by August 27



Register by August 27 at GriefShare.org; enter “Greenville, SC” in “Find a Group Near You”; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Once you register online, you’ll need to order your participant’s manual through this registration portal. The cost is \$20.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

MONDAY

Community Bible Study: Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Peter

Dates: September 11–May 6
(except January 16, April 8) • 6:30–8:30pm

Location: Harper Chapel

Contact: Lacey Kaiser • 864.423.3212

Register: GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org



**COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY**

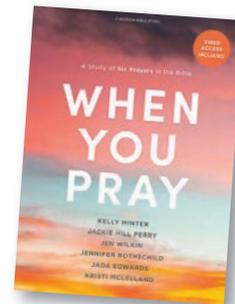
Community Bible Study will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. We will begin with the Old Testament books of Ruth and 1st and 2nd Samuel, which describe the faith journeys of men and women like us. Sure, they may have been prophets or priests or kings—but they were also sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. They struggled with deferred hopes and dreams, broken relationships, shameful failures, and personal trauma, just as we do. It’s what they did with those disappointments that matters. In this study, you will see people who took their pain and anger to God—and people who did not. And in either case, you will see how God remained faithful.

In the spring we will study the New Testament books of 1st and 2nd Peter. In these two letters, the apostle Peter offers encouragement to followers of Christ who were living as exiles and being persecuted for their faith. These books exhort believers to hope and godly living. They teach about godly relationships and warn about false teachers. They point to Jesus as our example in suffering and faith, reminding us that true security can be found only in God.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study—*When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers of the Bible*

by Kelly Minter, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, Kristi McLelland



- Dates:** September 12–December 5 ♦ 9:00–10:45am
Location: Room B206
Contact: Gloria Kohler ♦ bordeaux301@gmail.com ♦ 864.642.7042
Nina Williams ♦ cdavid3rd@hotmail.com ♦ 864.630.3307
Brenda Evans ♦ brendaot313@gmail.com ♦ 864.325.1040

Lord, teach me to pray. Do you struggle with how or what to pray? Join us as we explore prayers in the Bible. In this study we acknowledge the day-to-day struggles we all experience in talking with God. Our videos feature Bible teachers Kelly Minter, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, and Kristi McLelland. They offer realistic ways to strengthen your prayer life and show how your faith is strengthened as your heart is united to Christ.

Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

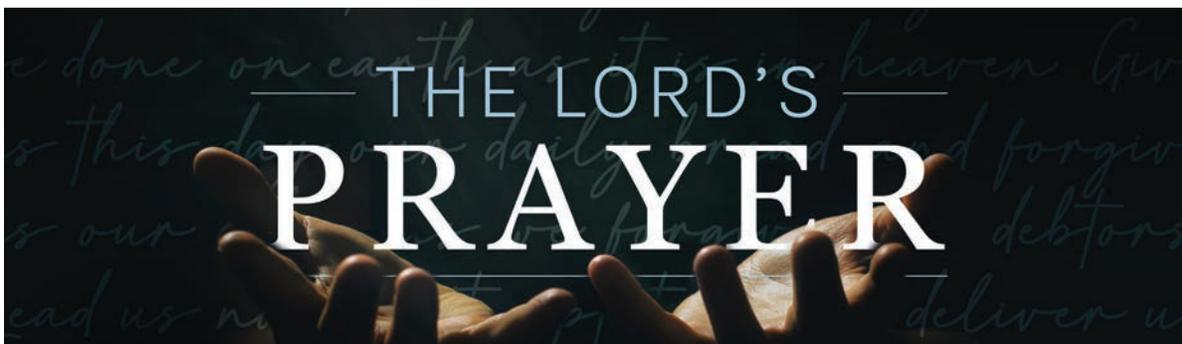
- Dates:** Every Tuesday ♦ 7:00–8:30pm
Location: Harper Chapel
Contact: Stan Johnson ♦ sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0941



Communion and prayers for healing. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are kept strictly confidential.

To leave a prayer request, call 864.565.0970. ♦ To request a prayer appointment, call 864.565.0960.

WEDNESDAY



Pastor's Bible Study Fall Semester 2023: The Lord's Prayer

- Teacher:** Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons and associates
Dates: September 6– November 15 ♦ 12:30pm Lunch Study ♦ 6:30pm Evening Study
Location: Fellowship Hall

Prayer is often thought of as that sweet and tender moment when we rest in the presence of God and open up our heart to Him. Yet we also recognize that prayer can be difficult and challenging, especially when we don't know what to say, and we wonder if God is even listening. Not to mention handling the guilt when we know we should pray, but simply can't be bothered.

We will be exploring what is often called the greatest prayer of all, The Lord's Prayer. We will discover how to resolve some of our challenges and questions about prayer as we consider what it means to intentionally pray by immersing ourselves in the character and nature of "Our Father." If you are ready to be refreshed and renewed in prayer, come and join us on Wednesdays at lunchtime or in the evening.

Wednesday Meals: September 6–November 15

Lunch 11:45am–12:30pm ♦ Fellowship Hall

Supper 5:00–6:30pm ♦ Fellowship Hall

Childcare is available on Wednesday evenings. See page 5.

Meal Prices:

- ♦ Adults: \$10
 - ♦ Children (age 4-12): \$5
 - ♦ Children (age 0-3): Free
- *Family maximum: \$35*

Menus:

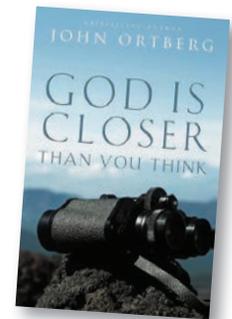
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WEDNESDAY *(continued)*

ABOVE ALL Women's Study: *God Is Closer Than You Think* by John Ortberg

Dates: Kickoff ♦ September 20 ♦ 9:00am ♦ Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays ♦ September 27–November 15
For questions and childcare information contact Katie Mitchell:
aboveallministries@gmail.com or 864.275.4736

*"The story of the Bible isn't primarily about the desire of people to be with God; it's the desire of God to be with people." Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it—a closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. *God Is Closer Than You Think*, by John Ortberg, shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Don't miss out on this opportunity to know God's love, be loved, and share love as you connect with others and deepen your relationship with God. Join us!*



Women's Study: Book of Isaiah

Dates: September 20–April 3 (except November 22, December 27)
3:00–4:30pm
Location: Jean Nickell's Home ♦ 7 Norlin Dr., Greenville, SC 29607
Contact: Jean Nickell ♦ jeannickell5@gmail.com ♦ 864.420.0764
Stella Stall ♦ stellstall@aol.com ♦ 864.350.5699

The book of Isaiah alternates between promises of judgment and restoration. It reminds God's people of the magnitude of human sin, the judgment we all deserve, and how God displays His glory by saving sinners. We will see how God's promises of renewal ultimately anticipate the work of Jesus Christ and the new life for all who trust in Him.

Space is limited. Please contact leader.



DivorceCare Support Group: *Help and Healing After the Hurt of Divorce*

Dates: September 6–December 6 • 6:00–8:00pm
Location: Room D210
Contact: Leslie Warner ♦ 864.565.0966
Facilitators: Judy Outlaw, Laura Jean Beauvais
Register: DivorceCare.org by August 23



Register by August 23 at DivorceCare.org; enter “Greenville, SC” in “Find a Group Near You”; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Once you register online, you’ll need to order your participant’s manual through this registration portal. The cost is \$20.

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It’s a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!

Men’s Small Group

Dates: Begins September 6 • 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B305
Contact: Rev. Charlie Buchanan • cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org



This Wednesday night group seeks to provide a place of community and intentional discipleship designed specifically for men (post-college–40) who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and take steps toward biblical manhood. Join us as we investigate scripture, grow alongside one another, and serve the Lord.

REVIVE Bible Study (Women 30s to 40s):

The Book of Job, a Right Now Media Study by Francis Chan

Dates: September 6–November 15 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B206
Contacts: Leah Cloud ♦ lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0931
Catherine Culler ♦ catherine@godshall.com ♦ 864.395.0308



The world teaches us to revolve our actions, thoughts, and beliefs around ourselves. “It’s all about you!” we are encouraged to think. In the world’s philosophy, we become the author and hero of our story. But the Bible teaches a different view, one where another hero—the actual Author of life—takes center stage. In the book of Job, God asserts His preeminence and displays His power. Join Francis Chan in this eight-session series on Job as he explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.

A Biblical Flyover

Dates: September 6–November 15 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Harper Chapel
Contact: Johnny Price ♦ johnnyprice@charter.net ♦ 864.787.4566



“Many people view the Bible as a series of disconnected stories or morality lessons, but in reality, the Bible is primarily a single storyline telling us what’s wrong with the human race, what God is doing about it, and how history is going to turn out in the end” (Tim Keller). Join us for a bird’s-eye survey of the biblical narrative, landing and exploring in some depth key historical events as recorded in the Scriptures.

WEDNESDAY *(continued)*

The School of Biblical Evangelism

Dates: September 6–November 8 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B303
Contact: Gill Robison ♦ 864.275.7112

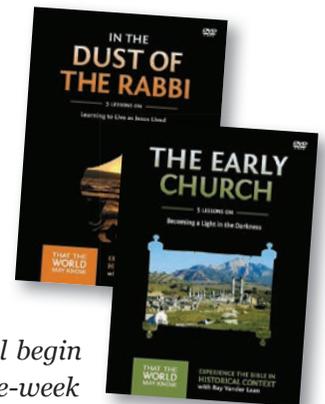


Do you find it uncomfortable, awkward, and even frightening to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the gospel with friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors, and others in your life? We will equip you to overcome your fears as we look at all aspects of personal evangelism from Christians who have done it thousands of times over decades of their lives. We will teach you to evangelize by looking at models used by Jesus and Paul. Come join us to get equipped to reach those people who are a part of your unique sphere of influence!

That The World May Know, Ray Vander Laan Video Series

Dates: September 13–November 15 ♦ 6:30–7:30pm
Location: Room B314
Contacts: Doug & Mary Stokes ♦ dbsgcs12@gmail.com ♦ 864.380.5633

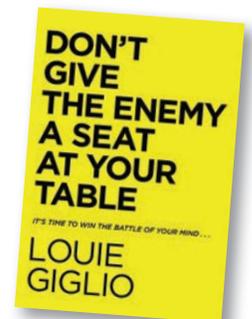
*Join us as Ray Vander Laan leads us through a video study of Jesus and his disciples, followed by a study of the growth of the early church in Asia Minor. Ray Vander Laan's ministry, *That the World May Know*, focuses on understanding the Bible in light of the historical and cultural context in which God placed it, enabling the people of God to be a transforming influence on their culture. We'll begin with a five-week study "In the Dust of the Rabbi," before transitioning to a five-week study on the early church.*



RADIANCE Small Groups (Women, 20s to early 30s):

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table by Louie Giglio

Dates: Kickoff ♦ September 13 ♦ 6:30–8:00pm
Dinner and Bible Study ♦ September 20–November 15 ♦ 6:30–8:00pm
Location: Kickoff ♦ FPC Worship & Arts Center
Small Groups ♦ Leaders' homes in downtown Greenville; FPC
Contact: Diana Orders ♦ dianaorders@charter.net ♦ 864.630.1525
Register: Online at firstpresgreenville.org/page/3889?Item=295



*In *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio shares practical ways to overcome the Enemy's lies and instead find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation. By drawing from Psalm 23 as a framework, he offers biblical insight on how to reject the lies and listen to the truth. You can find freedom from the war inside your mind—if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face.*



Getting To Know Dementia: An Educational Series for Caregivers, Friends, and Family Members

Dates: September 6–December 6 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B301
Contact: Leslie Warner ♦ 864.565.0966
Facilitator: Lise Rollert
Registration: Leslie Warner • 864.565.0966 • by August 30
(class limited to 20 participants)



Dementia is not a diagnosis. Instead, it's a condition that covers over 120 types, forms, and causes of brain change all under the "umbrella" of dementia. We will learn from Teepa Snow, a dementia care specialist and the developer of PAC (Positive Approach to Care), as she teaches about symptoms of the various kinds of dementia. This class will enable you to understand why changes are happening and learn practical ways to love, help, and support a person living with brain change in a more positive and respectful way.

Just Getting Started

Dates: September 6–October 25 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B311
Contact: Charlotte Joye ♦ cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org



Just Getting Started is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, offering participants an opportunity to explore what the Scriptures teach about life as a disciple of Jesus. Using the Discovery Bible method, we'll discuss such topics as "Who is Jesus?" "Why did He come?" and "What is a disciple?" Whether you grew up in church but have not had an opportunity to explore the basics of discipleship, or are just beginning to seek answers to some of life's BIG questions, we invite you to join us. Led by Pastors Claire Ripley and Brian Stewart and their team.

THURSDAY

Childcare is available for all Thursday studies. If childcare is needed, email Evelyn Penkert one week in advance (epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

Men's Bible Fellowship

Dates: Every Thursday ♦ 7:30–9:00am
Location: Formal Dining Room / Fellowship Hall
Contact: Carl Evans ♦ carl.h.evans@gmail.com ♦ 864.770.5647
Harry Bolick ♦ harrybolick@charter.net ♦ 864.270.2514
Ron Kennett ♦ kennetts4usc@gmail.com ♦ 864.380.4063



Men of all ages are invited to join us as we study the Bible one book at a time, Genesis through Revelation. Optional breakfast (\$5).

Christian Men's Fellowship

Dates: Every Thursday ♦ 12:00–1:30pm
Location: Formal Dining Room ♦ Optional lunch (\$10)
Contact: Rev. Bob H. Jones ♦ rhaydnjones@charter.net ♦ 864.203.6883



Christian Men's Fellowship is made up of a group of retired, or nearly retired, men of First Pres. Join us weekly for lunch and an informative, interesting, and inspirational program. Our goal is to share, learn, challenge, and build relationships so that we may become examples of the biblical Jesus.

THURSDAY (continued)

Women's Study: **Luke—Gut-Level Compassion**, by Lisa Harper

Dates: September 7–November 2 ♦ 9:30–11:00am
Location: Room B311
Contact: Tina Jones ♦ tjones@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0921

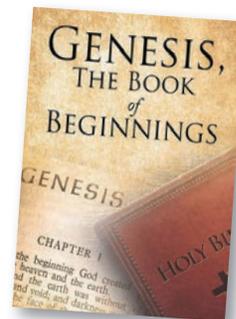
Many of us believe that we aren't good enough to meet other people's expectations. Maybe you can't wrap words around why, but lurking beneath the surface of the carefully curated façade you present in public, it's there. Being missed and marginalized by others moves us to assume we're not quite good enough for God either. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. In fact, this riveting account reveals that Jesus is especially fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean in and linger! Join Lisa Harper in this Bible study of a literary masterpiece that doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked! Participants can purchase their books that day, or ahead of time from the bookstore.



Women's Study: **Genesis, The Book of Beginnings**

Dates: September 7–November 30 (except November 23) ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B301 and Zoom option available
Contact: Nancy Caudel ♦ nancycaudel@att.net ♦ 864.444.9309

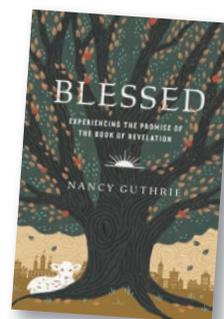
The Book of Genesis focuses on the foundation of all things and seeks to reveal the nature of the Creator and man, His ultimate creation, as well as many topics and doctrines further developed later in the Old Testament and more fully in the New Testament. Genesis affirms that God is powerful and almighty, yet personal in His dealings with man, with whom He desires to reveal Himself. The class will focus on the events of Genesis but also on who God is, what He is like, and how He has chosen to reveal Himself.



Women's Study: **Blessed—Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation**, by Nancy Guthrie

Dates: September 7– December 7 (except November 23) ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B315
Contact: Susan Humphreys ♦ slh109@aol.com ♦ 864.905.6530
Kathi Daniel ♦ Kathi.daniel531@gmail.com ♦ 864.630.2416

Over 12 chapters, Blessed covers the full text of the book of Revelation, exploring its call to patient endurance as God's sovereign plans for judgment and salvation are worked out in the world. This book shows that Revelation is less about when Jesus will return and more about who we are to be, what we are to do, and what we can expect to endure as we wait for Jesus to return to establish His kingdom in the new creation.



Women's Video Study of **Daniel**, by Tom Bradford of Torah Class

Dates: September 7– December 14 (except November 23) ♦ 9:30–11:00am
Location: Room B314
Contact: Kate Hellier ♦ kthellier@bellsouth.net ♦ 864.801.3189

Join us for a video series and in-depth discussion of the book of Daniel led by Tom Bradford, who teaches the Old Testament from a Hebraic heritage perspective and applies that understanding to the works of Christ in the New Testament.

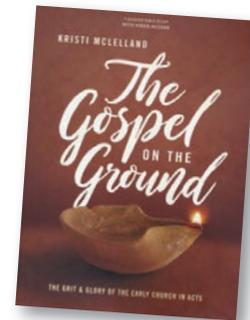


THURSDAY *(continued)*

Women's Thursday Community Bible Study

The Gospel on the Ground: The Grit and Story of the Early Church in Acts,

by Kristi McClelland



Dates: September 14– December 21 (except November 23) ♦ 11:15–1:15pm

Location: Room B303

Contact: Joanne Quantz ♦ jmquantz@gmail.com ♦ 864.509.0453

Charlotte Watson ♦ candmwatson@charter.net ♦ 864.859.9189

In this video study, biblical culturalist Kristi McClelland unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today, see how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times, and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

If you plan to attend, please contact us so we will know how many books to order.

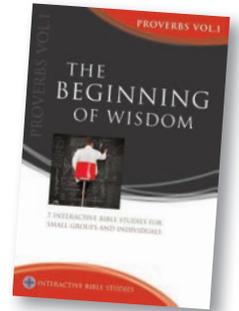


Women's Circles

Monthly Bible Study • September–May

The Beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs Volume 1) by Joshua Ng

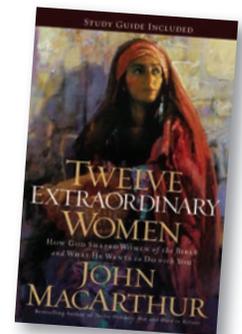
The book of Proverbs is the central wisdom book of the Old Testament. Composed by different authors over a long period of time, Proverbs has much to teach us about living a faithful life in the 21st century. How does one gain wisdom? What does it mean to “fear” God? What distinguishes a wise person from a foolish one? Come join us as we unpack the riches of God’s Word as presented in the book of Proverbs!



- Circle 1** ♦ **Chair:** Jane Sykes • jsykes156@gmail.com • 864.350.0906
♦ **Date:** 4th Tuesday • 11:30am ♦ **Location:** Foothills Retirement Community
- Circle 3** ♦ **Chair:** Grace Abrams • graceabrams@me.com • 864.483.3767
♦ **Date:** 2nd Thursday • 6:30pm ♦ **Location:** Various locations: please contact leader
- Circle 9** ♦ **Chair:** Hazel Townsend • hazelt@bellsouth.net • 864.320.9835
♦ **Date:** 2nd Friday • 10:00am ♦ **Location:** Rolling Green Village, Blue Ridge Room E
- Circle 10** ♦ **Co-chairs:** Carol Loyless • cgloyless@bellsouth.net • 864.244.0364
Lin Cundiff • lin.cundiff@gmail.com • 618.578.9224
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesday • 11:00am ♦ **Location:** Formal Dining Room

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur

In Twelve Extraordinary Women, bestselling author and Bible teacher John MacArthur shows us that the God to whom they were so faithful is the same God who continues to mold and guide us today. As you meet these women in Scripture and get to know more about their lives and characters, they will challenge you, motivate you, encourage you, and inspire you with love for the God whom they trusted, served, and loved, teaching us that: our personal struggles and temptations are the very same kinds of trials that all believers of all ages have confronted; even in the midst of our trouble, God remains eternally faithful; through God, anyone can become extraordinary. From Eve to the Samaritan Woman, these twelve women serve as reminders of both our frailty and our potential. Together, they point us to Christ and His grace.



- Circle 6** ♦ **Co-chairs:** Arlene Antonio • acantonio@charter.net • 864.242.1168
Marie Comer • rierie512@gmail.com • 205.915.5752
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesday • 10:30am ♦ **Location:** Room B303

The Book of Jeremiah

A study of the Bible book of Jeremiah. Using McGee’s little study book, material on Right Now media, and other sound commentaries to help with zeroing in on key verses, topics and precepts, this study will include a comprehensive overview and context of the chapters of Jeremiah, focusing on key verses and precepts relevant to our lives, as well as applications we can make of them.



- Circle 7** ♦ **Chair:** Priscilla Marks • priscillamarks47@yahoo.com • 864.528.5347
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesday • 10:30am ♦ **Location:** Cascades Verdae Retirement Community

**Contact: Leah Cloud ♦ 864.565.0931 ♦ lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org
to find a Circle that works best for you!**

Register for Youth and Children's choirs at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Visit the Children's page or Worship & Music page.

(Registration opens August 28)

Sunday: Youth

Resonate Worship (6th–12th grade)—Music and other Performing Arts

- ◆ Resumes: September 10–December 3
- ◆ Rehearsal: Sunday • 4:00–5:00pm • Harper Chapel
- ◆ Contact: Lori Shelton • lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org

Sunday: Adults

Sanctuary Choir

- ◆ Worship: Sunday • 8:30am and 11:00am • Sanctuary
- ◆ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Instrumental Ensemble

- ◆ Worship: Sunday • 8:30am and 11:00am • Sanctuary
- ◆ Contact: Dustan Chevalier • dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0923

Ignite Contemporary Worship

- ◆ Rehearsal: Sunday • 8:00–10:15am • Worship & Arts Center
- ◆ Worship: Sunday • 10:45am • Worship & Arts Center
- ◆ Contact: Graydon Tomlinson • gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

Wednesday: Children

Covenant Choir (3rd–5th grade)

- ◆ Resumes: September 6–December 6
- ◆ Rehearsal: 5:30–6:15pm • Room C205
- ◆ Contact: Lori Shelton • LShlshelton@firstpresgreenville.org

Cherub and Carol Choirs (K4–2nd grade)

- ◆ Resumes: September 6–December 6
- ◆ Rehearsal & Bible Lesson: 6:15–7:15pm
 - ◆ K4–K5: 6:15 Cherub Choir • Room C205 → 6:45 Bible Lesson • Room C201
 - ◆ 1st–2nd grade: 6:15 Bible Lesson • Room C201 → 6:45 Carol Choir • Room C205
- ◆ Contact: Lori Shelton • lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org

Wednesday: Adults

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- ◆ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 6:00–7:15pm • Choir Room B108
- ◆ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

- ◆ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 6:00–7:15pm • Sanctuary
- ◆ Contact: Dustan Chevalier • dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0923

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

- ◆ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 7:30–8:30pm • Choir Room B108
- ◆ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

IGNITE Worship Rehearsal

8:00–10:15am • Worship and Arts Center

Traditional Worship

8:30–9:35am • Sanctuary

Nursery (Under 2)

8:30am–12:10pm • Nursery Suite

Sunday School (K2-5th)

9:30–10:30am • Children's Wing (2 check-in areas)

Young Adult Sunday Life Groups

9:45–10:35am (see page 7)

Adult Sunday Life Groups

9:45–10:35am (see page 7)

Sunday Life Groups (Junior and Senior High)

9:45–10:40am • A106

Kids Church (K2-1st)

10:30am–12:10pm • Children's Wing

IGNITE Contemporary Worship

10:45–11:55am • Worship and Arts Center

Traditional Worship

11:00am–12:10pm • Sanctuary

GriefShare Support Group: The Journey from Mourning to Joy

September 10–December 10

3:00–5:00pm • Room D210

Resonate Worship Rehearsal (6th-12th)

4:00–5:00pm • Harper Chapel

MONDAY

Community Bible Study: Ruth and Samuel, 1 and 2 Peter

6:50–8:30pm • September 11–May 6

Harper Chapel

TUESDAY

When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers of the Bible

9:00–10:45am • September 12–December 5

Room B206

Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

7:00–8:30pm • Harper Chapel

WEDNESDAY MORNING /AFTERNOON

ABOVE ALL Women's Bible Study

Kickoff September 20, 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

September 27–November 15

Various Locations

Wednesday Lunch

11:45am–12:30pm • September 6–November 15

Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Bible Study (Lunch)

12:30–1:15pm • September 6–November 15

Fellowship Hall

Book of Isaiah

3:00–4:30pm • September 20–April 3

Jean Nickell's Home (7 Norlin Dr., Greenville)

For the most current schedule, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

WEDNESDAY EVENING

THURSDAY

Wednesday Supper

5:00pm–6:30pm • September 6–November 15 • Fellowship Hall

Covenant Choir (3rd-5th) 5:30–6:15pm • Room C205

Junior High Group (6th-8th) 5:45–7:15pm • A106

Divorce Care Support Group

6:00–8:00pm • September 6–December 6 • Room D210

Men's Small Group

6:15–7:15pm • Begins September 6 • Room B305

REVIVE Bible Study

6:15–7:15pm • September 6–November 15 • Room B206

A Biblical Flyover

6:15–7:15pm • September 6–November 15 • Harper Chapel

The School of Biblical Evangelism

6:15–7:15pm • September 6–November 8 • Room B303

Just Getting Started

6:15–7:15pm • September 6–October 25 • Room B311

Nursery (Under 2) 6:15pm–7:15pm • Nursery Suite

Lesson & Play (Ages 2-3) 6:15pm–7:15pm • Room C103

Cherub & Carol Choir (K4-2nd)

6:15–7:15pm • Rooms C201 + C205

Pastor's Bible Study (Evening)

6:30–7:15pm • September 6–November 15 • Fellowship Hall

That The World May Know

6:30–7:30pm • September 13–November 15 • Room B314

RADIANCE Small Groups

6:30–8:00pm • September 13–November 15 • Various Locations

Getting To Know Dementia

6:30–7:30pm • September 6–December 6 • Room B301

Senior High Group (9th-12th) 7:30–9:00pm • A106

See page 17 for Handbell, Choir & Ensemble Wednesday rehearsal schedules.

Men's Bible Fellowship

7:30–9:00am

Formal Dining / Fellowship Hall

Christian Men's Fellowship

12:00–1:30pm

Formal Dining Room

The Gospel of Luke

9:30am –11:00am

September 7–November 2

Room B311

Genesis

9:30–11:30am

September 7–November 30

Room B301 and Zoom

Blessed

9:30–11:30am

September 7–December 7

Room B315

Video Study of Daniel

9:30–11:00am

September 7–December 14

Room B303

Women's Community Bible Study

11:15–1:15pm

September 14–December 21

Room B303



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