

Winter | Spring 2024

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Weekly Discipleship



And let the
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to which indeed
you were called
to one body.

— Colossians 3:15



Come Grow@First!

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to this new year, we are excited to share our weekly Winter/Spring Bible studies and discipleship opportunities with you. I think you'll find there is a place for everyone in every season of life. Our deepest prayer is that you'll find ways to grow and deepen your faith in community with others!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts this new year!

To Him be the Glory!

Claire

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

—Colossians 3:15-16



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Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm

Wednesday Evening • 5:30–7:30pm

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The Lord
will Rejoice
over you with gladness;
He will quiet

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

- ♦ **Early Service** • 8:15am–9:30am • Infants to K4 • Nursery Suite
- ♦ **Nursery** • 8:15am–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 are exceptions 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).

2024 Discover First New Member Weekends

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

- ♦ **Early Service** • 8:15am–9:30am • Infants to K4 • Nursery Suite
 - ♦ **Nursery** • 8:15–12:10pm • 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 are exceptions for children whose parents are serving that day and children with special needs.*

Wednesday

5:30pm–6:15pm Resumes January 10

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

6:15pm–7:15pm (doors open at 6:00pm) Resumes January 10

- ♦ Age 0–24 months
- ♦ Ages 2K & 3K
- ♦ Ages 4K & 5K

♦ 1st–2nd grade

♦ 3rd–5th grade

Nursery • Nursery Suite

Bible Lesson and Play • Room C103

Cherub Choir • 6:15–6:45pm • Room C205

Bible Lesson • 6:45–7:15pm • C201

Bible Lesson • 6:15–6:45pm • Room C201

Carol Choir • 6:45–7:15pm • Room C205

Covenant Choir • 5:30–6:15pm • Room C205

Bible Lesson • 6:15–7:15pm • Room C301

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 ahead of time.

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

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

Wednesday

- ♦ **Junior High (grades 6-8)** Resumes January 10 • 5:45–7:15pm • A106

- ♦ **Senior High (grades 9-12)** Resumes January 10 • 7:30–9:00pm • A106

Retreats and Mission Trips

- ♦ **Junior High**

- Spring Retreat • April 26-28, 2024

- Summer Camp • June 24–June 29, 2024

- ♦ **Senior High**

- 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)
- ♦ **Ecclesia** (couples & singles) ♦ Formal Dining Room
(Andy Douglas, adoug41@att.net; Don Nickell, donald20@charter.net)
- ♦ **The Flock** (50s & up) ♦ Room D305
(contact Tom Angermeier, tangermeier@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
(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)





Adult Weekly Studies & Groups

MONDAY

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

Dates: January 8–May 6
(except January 29, March 25) • 6:30–8:30pm
Location: Harper Chapel
Contact: Lacey Kaiser • 864.423.3212
Register: GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org



COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY

Community Bible Study meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. We began 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.

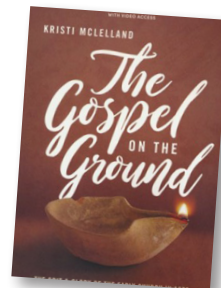
In the spring we will study the New Testament books of 1st and 2nd Peter. In these two letters, the apostle Peter offers encouragement to followers of Christ who were living as exiles and being persecuted for their faith. These books exhort believers to hope and godly living. They teach about godly relationships 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: The Gospel on the Ground: The Grit and Story of the Early Church in Acts, by Kristi McLelland

Dates: January 9–April 30 (not meeting January 30, March 26) ♦ 9:00–10:30am
Location: Room B206
Contact: Gloria Kohler ♦ bordeaux301@gmail.com ♦ 864.642.7042
Brenda Evans ♦ brendaot313@gmail.com ♦ 864.325.1040



Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she 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 times, and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

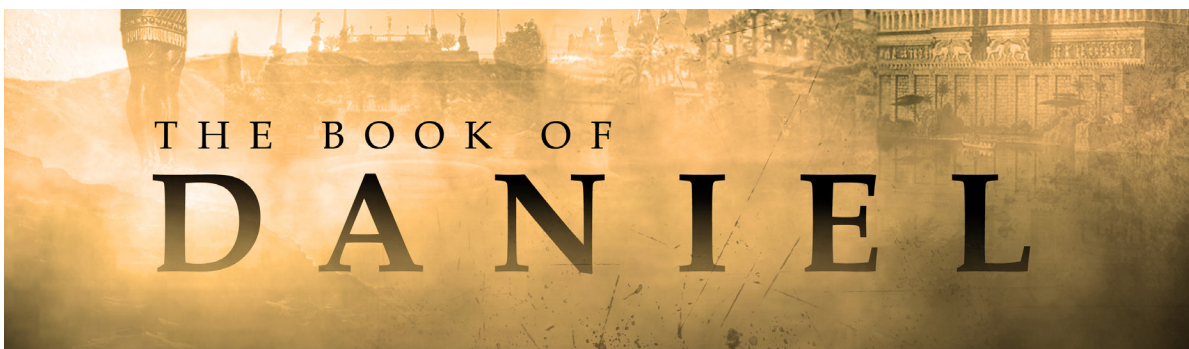
Dates: Every Tuesday (except January 30, March 26) ♦ 6:30–7:30pm
Location: Harper Chapel
Contact: Stan Johnson ♦ sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0941



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 Winter Semester: Encountering Daniel in 2024

Teacher: Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons and associates
Dates: January 10–April 24 ♦ 12:30pm Lunch Study ♦ 6:30pm Evening Study
Location: Fellowship Hall

Over the next few months, we will explore the book of Daniel as it takes us behind the scenes of national and international upheaval in ancient Israel and Babylon. We will examine how he responded to change which was unexpected, unwanted, and of unprecedented proportions. We will see God at work in remarkable ways, despite the fact that things did not initially look good for him. We will ask how he could, amid extraordinary circumstances, demonstrate a faith that is convincing, credible, and compelling. Come and join us for a deep dive into the book of Daniel.

Wednesday Meals: January 10–April 24

(No lunch or supper on January 31 or March 27)

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:

FirstPresGreenville.org/menus

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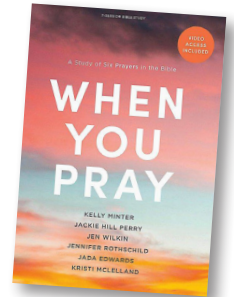
ABOVE ALL Women's Study

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

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

Dates: Kickoff ♦ January 17 ♦ 9:00am ♦ Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays ♦ January 17–February 28 (not meeting January 31)
For questions and childcare information contact Katie Mitchell:
aboveallministries@gmail.com or 864.275.4736

Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray. In this seven-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ.



Exploring Healing Prayer: an interactive experience to learn about the healing prayer ministry of Jesus Christ in today's world

Dates: January 10 (not meeting January 31, March 27) ♦ 6:15 - 7:30pm
Location: Room B313
Contact: Tammy Burkhalter ♦ tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0943

This 13-week video and discussion course is the first step in exploring healing prayer ministry and the Healing Prayer Team. We welcome all to come join us on this journey to explore healing and prayer.



DivorceCare Support Group: Help and Healing after the Hurt of Divorce

Dates: January 10–April 24th (excluding January 31, March 27) • 6:15–8:00pm
Location: Formal Dining Room
Contact: Jamie Stoltz ♦ 864.565.0966
Facilitators: Judy Outlaw, Laura Jean Beauvais
Register: DivorceCare.org by January 9



Register by January 9 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! Childcare is provided.

Wednesday Men’s Small Group

Dates: Begins January 10 (not meeting January 31, March 27) • 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B305
Contact: Rev. Charlie Buchanan • cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org



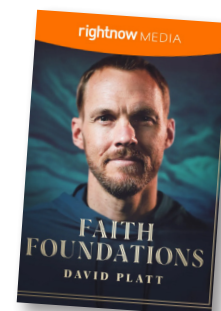
This Wednesday night group seeks to provide a place of community and intentional discipleship designed specifically for men (post-college—40) who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and take steps toward biblical manhood. Join us as we investigate Scripture, grow alongside one another, and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

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

Faith Foundations, a Right Now Media Study by David Platt

Dates: January 10–April 24 (not meeting January 31, March 27) ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B206
Contacts: Leah Cloud ♦ lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0931
Catherine Culler ♦ catherine@godshall.com ♦ 864.395.0308

10 Essential Christian Truths: Whether we have been Christians for years, discovered faith in Jesus recently, or are still wondering what it’s all about, we share similar questions about why and how to live out our faith. We wonder: What are we made for? What does it look like to know God deeply? Why are we called to reflect his light to those around us—and how do we do that? Join author and pastor David Platt in this ten-session series that examines foundational truths for becoming mature disciples of Christ.



A Spiritual LASIK series: Sharpening Our Christian Worldview Regarding Current Cultural Flashpoints

Dates: January 10 (not meeting January 31, March 27) ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B315
Contact: Johnny Price ♦ johnnyprice@charter.net ♦ 864.787.4566

This is a time with considerable contention in our culture. In this series we’ll explore what constitutes a Christian Biblical Worldview and then examine, in light of this worldview, such issues as: Critical Theory, Christian Nationalism, and the Just War Theory.

WEDNESDAY *(continued)*

Unfulfilled Prophecies

Dates: January 10 (not meeting January 31, March 27) ♦ 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B303
Contact: Gill Robison ♦ gr91inc@aol.com ♦ 864.275.7112



In this study, we will focus on the remaining, yet-to-be fulfilled biblical prophecies concerning Messiah Jesus' 2nd Coming and the end of the current Age in which we live. Using Zechariah as our overview, Daniel as our foundation, and Revelation as our expanded roadmap, we will learn how other prophetic passages in the Old and New Testaments supplement these three books and reveal God's entire prophetic plan for the culmination of the present age of Man and the dawning of the Eternal Age of the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Discipleship, with Ray Vander Laan

Dates: January 10–April 24 (not meeting January 31, March 27) ♦ 6:30–7:30pm
Location: Room B314
Contacts: Doug and Mary Stokes ♦ dbsgcs12@gmail.com ♦ 864.380.5633

What if we not only knew what God's path is, but chose to walk in it? This video study has the tools to change how we experience Scripture and view our roles as disciples of Christ. Join us as Ray Vander Laan leads us through his new discipleship study. Ray Vander Laan's ministry, That the World May Know, is focused 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.

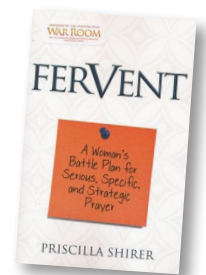


RADIANCE Small Groups (Women, 20s to early 30s):

FERVENT, A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer, by Priscilla Shirer

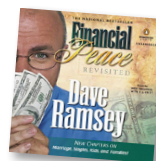
Dates: Kickoff ♦ January 17 ♦ 6:30–8:00pm
Dinner and Bible Study ♦ January 24–April 9 ♦ 6:30–8:00pm
Location: Kickoff ♦ FPC Worship & Arts Center
Small Groups ♦ Leaders' homes in downtown Greenville; FPC
Contact: Diana Orders ♦ dianaschmittorders@gmail.com ♦ 864.630.1525
Register: Online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events (Radiance icon)

In this great next step to our Louie Giglio study, passionate and wise Priscilla Shirer bases Fervent on Scripture to give us a battle plan for prayer. "God's plan for you is to move you into a position of impact by infusing you with truth and employing you in prayer." Her emphasis is on praying purposefully and standing on truth with 10 strategies. The reading assignments are doable. It's not heavy on the homework but is deep in content. Our discussions in group time will come easily because of her insight and everyone's ability to relate to her teaching.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

Dates: January 10 ♦ Kickoff Meeting
January 17–March 20 (not meeting January 31) ♦ 6:00–7:15pm
Location: Rooms B306 and B307
Contact: Bobby Hoffman ♦ 864.565.0962 ♦ bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org
Michael Rabb ♦ 803.727.5267 ♦ mrabb010@aol.com
Tripp Welch ♦ 864.906.3862 ♦ tripp@matchgradeadvisors.com



Change your life, change your future: the nine lesson course that teaches you the step-by-step plan, a.k.a. the Baby Steps: budget, pay off debt fast, save money, invest, communicate in marriage and plan for a better financial future. There will be a fee at sign-up to cover the cost of class materials/books. Space will be limited. To reserve your place, register with one of the contacts above, or scan the QR code to the right.



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 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 7:30–8:30am
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 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 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.



Women's Study: Elijah (Faith and Fire), by Priscilla Shirer

Dates: January 4–February 22 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 9:30–11:00am
Location: Room B311
Contact: Tina Jones ♦ tjones@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.551.1101
Donna Ibenthal ♦ dibenthal@gmail.com ♦ 913.558.8275

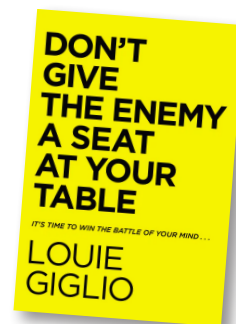
Via video, Priscilla Shirer teaches this seven-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah, discovering how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.



Women's Study: Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table, by Louie Giglio

Dates: February 29–April 4 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B311
Contact: Tina Jones ♦ tjones@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.551.1101

In Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table, Louie Giglio helps you find encouragement, hope, and strength in the midst of any valley as you reject the enemy voices of fear, rage, lust, insecurity, anxiety, despair, temptation, or defeat. Join us for six weeks through this video teaching based on Psalm 23.



Women's Study: Genesis: The Patriarchs

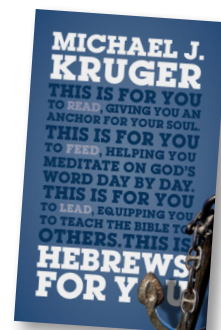
Dates: January 11–April 18 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B301
Contact: Nancy Caudel ♦ nancycaudel@att.net ♦ 864.444.9309

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: The Book of Hebrews video study, by Dr. Michael Kruger

Dates: January 11–April 11 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 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

Why Hebrews? Hebrews helps us understand the overall story of the Bible: the scope of redemptive history, how it all led to Christ, and how Christ fulfilled it all. We see that the Old Testament was fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the New Testament, and we see the superiority of Christ—His glory, His honor, and His divinity—above all things. This video study is taught by Dr. Michael Kruger (Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC), an engaging teacher who clearly presents Scripture in an understandable and applicable manner.



Women's Video Study of Daniel, by Tom Bradford of Torah Class
Encountering Daniel in 2024

Dates: January 4–May 16 (not meeting February 1, March 28) ♦ 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.



Women's Thursday Community Bible Study

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

by Kristi McClelland

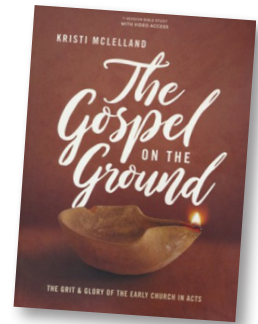
Dates: January 11–February 15 (not meeting February 1) ♦ 11:15–1:15pm

Location: Room D305

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

Charlotte Watson ♦ candmwatson@charter.net ♦ 864.859.9189

Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she 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 times, and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

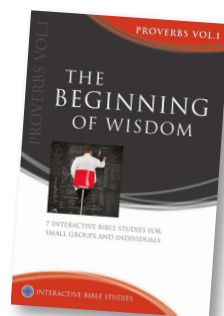


Women's Circles

Monthly Bible Study • January–May

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

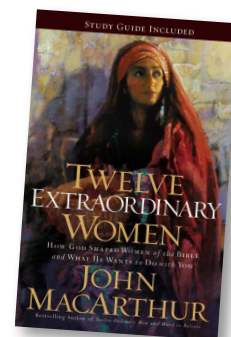
The book of Proverbs is the central wisdom book of the Old Testament. Composed by different authors over a long period of time, Proverbs has much to teach us about living a faithful life in the 21st century. How does one gain wisdom? What does it mean to “fear” God? What distinguishes a wise person from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

Sunday: Youth

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

- ♦ Resumes: January 7–April 28
- ♦ 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 • 864.918.5075

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: January 10–April 24
- ♦ Rehearsal: 5:30–6:15pm • Room C205
- ♦ Contact: Lori Shelton • LShlshelton@firstpresgreenville.org

Cherub and Carol Choirs (K4–2nd grade)

- ♦ Resumes: January 10–April 24
- ♦ 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 • 864.918.5075

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

9:45–10:40am (see page 7)

Sunday Life Groups (Junior and Senior High)

9:30–10:35am • 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

Resonate Worship Rehearsal (6th-12th)

4:00–5:00pm • Harper Chapel

MONDAY

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

6:30–8:45pm • January 8–May 6
Harper Chapel

TUESDAY

The Gospel on the Ground

9:00–10:30am • January 9–April 30
Room B206

Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

6:30–7:30pm • Harper Chapel

WEDNESDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON

Above All Women's Bible Study

Kickoff January 17, 9:00am in Fellowship Hall
January 24–February 28
Various Locations

Wednesday Lunch

11:45am–12:30pm • January 10–April 24
(No lunch on January 31 or March 27)
Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Bible Study (Lunch)

12:30–1:15pm • January 10–April 24
(No study on January 31 or March 27)
Fellowship Hall

For the most current schedule, visit FirstPresGreenville.org



Corporate



Music



Children



Youth



Adult

WEDNESDAY EVENING**Wednesday Supper**

5:00pm–6:30pm • January 10–April 24
(No supper on January 31 or March 27) • Fellowship Hall

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

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

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

6:00–7:10pm • January 10–March 20

Divorce Care Support Group

6:15–8:00pm • January 10–April 24 • Formal Dining Room

Exploring Healing Prayer

6:15–7:30pm • Starts January 10 • Room B313

Wednesday Men's Small Group

6:15–7:15pm • Begins January 10 • Room B305

Revive Bible Study: Faith Foundations

6:15–7:15pm • January 10–April 24 • Room B206

Sharpening Our Christian Worldview

6:15–7:15pm • January 10–April 24 • Room B315

Unfulfilled Prophecies

6:15–7:15pm • Starts January 10 • Room B303

Discipleship with Ray Vander Laan

6:30–7:15pm • January 10–April 24 • Room B314

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

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

Cherub & Carol Choir (K4-2nd)

6:15–7:15pm • Rooms C201 + C205

Pastor's Bible Study (Evening)

6:30–7:15pm • January 10–April 24
(No study on January 31 or March 27) • Fellowship Hall

Radiance Small Groups: Fervent

6:30–7:30pm • January 17–April 9 • Various Locations

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

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

THURSDAY**Men's Bible Fellowship**

7:30–8:30am
Formal Dining / Fellowship Hall

Christian Men's Fellowship

12:00–1:30pm
Formal Dining Room

Elijah (Faith and Fire)

9:30–11:00am
January 4–February 22
Room B311

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table

9:30–11:00am
February 29–April 4
Room B311

Genesis: The Patriarchs

9:30–11:30am
January 11–April 18
Room B301

The Book of Hebrews

9:30–11:30am
January 11–April 11
Room B315

Encountering Daniel in 2024

9:30–11:00am
January 4–May 16
Room B314

The Gospel on the Ground

11:15–1:15pm
January 11–February 15
Room D305



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