

Ministry News

Activities Ministry

WONDERS OF EGYPT TOUR

Two spaces remain for *Wonders of Egypt*, **September 28–October 6, 2020**. Contact Lindsay Graham for a brochure (Lgraham@firstpresgreenville.org).

College Ministry, Mason Simmons

COLLEGE GATHERING JANUARY 3

All college students are invited to gather at Terry and Christine Bruner's house on **Friday, January 3**, 7:00–9:00pm. We will be ringing in the new year together as we look forward to what it will bring! You don't need to bring anything—simply show up ready to see some old friends and make new ones. The address is 15 McDaniel Court, Greenville, SC 29605. Hope to see you there!

Congregational Care, Tammy Burkhalter

HELPING THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

To help those in need during the Christmas and winter seasons, please prayerfully consider contributing to the *Turner Memorial Fund*. Your donations allow us to help both members and non-members with utility bills during the cold months. Remember also to bring non-perishable items to place in the food baskets around the church. This helps our Food Basket Ministry feed those who are hungry in our community. If you have any questions regarding the Turner Memorial Fund or the Food Basket Ministry, please contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director (672.0327, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org). We appreciate your generous donations!

First Pres Nursery School, Beth Plyler

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT CHANGES ITS NAME

Our 30-year Mother's Morning Out program has changed its name to **First Pres Nursery School** as of January 1. Director Beth Plyler stated, "Over the past several years we have seen changes in what the families in the community need for their children. We have truly become a part-time childcare option that serves both working and non-working parents in our church and community. We are confident our new name fully encompasses our program and what we are offering to families in Greenville."

First Pres Nursery School (FPNS) is a registered program that serves families of children ages three months through two years on weekdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. FPNS provides opportunities for children to grow spiritually, socially, and developmentally through play activities in a Christian environment. The school runs August through May with an optional Summer Camp program in June and July. Registration is held each February for the upcoming school year. Summer Camp registration opens each January and serves children ages three months to rising K5. All families are welcome to register through the website portal: firstpres.campmanagement.com/enroll. *Questions?* Visit FirstPresGreenville.org or contact Beth Plyler (672.0347, bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org).

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE!

Meals and adult classes begin **Wednesday, January 15**. Children's and Youth programs resume **January 8**. For details, visit FirstPresGreenville.org or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Membership Ministry, Claire Ripley

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 24, 25, 26

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, January 24-26**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available upon request. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org. For details, contact Autumn Clark (aclarke@firstpresgreenville.org) or Dr. Claire Ripley, (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTA CLAUS-IT CLEANSE

As you sort through new wardrobe items received for Christmas, in the spirit of "out with the old, in with the new," please set aside items that you might be rotating out of your closet. The First Pres Miracle Hill Yellow bag donation event is just around the corner—February 23! Watch for details, but meanwhile, remember to DONATE vs. DISCARD!

Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY PRAYER & PRAISE IN HARPER CHAPEL

The Tuesday Evening *Prayer & Praise Service*, held in Harper Chapel each **Tuesday** at 7:00pm, includes 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.

Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

CHARLIE BUCHANAN AT WIT & WISDOM

On **Tuesday, January 7**, we are pleased to have FPC's own Rev. Charlie Buchanan, Student Ministries Pastor, as our Wit & Wisdom speaker. Come learn how God is moving in the lives of our students to build the Kingdom over the next 50 years! The program begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch (\$8) at 12:30pm. Reserve your seat and lunch **by noon on January 3** with Susan Stewart (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756).

Singles Ministry

SINGLES DINNER JANUARY 10

The next dinner will be at Stax Omega (72 Orchard Park Drive) on **Friday, January 10**, at 6:00pm. All singles are welcome! RSVP to Dave Preuninger (davidpreuninger@charter.net) by **January 8**.

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

CONFIRMATION 2020 BEGINS JANUARY 5

Our confirmation class for 2020 will begin **January 5**, meeting during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:40am). This 12-week course will investigate the very foundations of our faith and what makes us Christians. Confirmation is a prerequisite for 7th and 8th graders who seek membership at First Pres. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Thursday, January 9

#3 6:30pm • Contact Brenda Evans, (brendaot313@gmail.com or 325.1070) for time and location

Friday, January 10, 10:00am

#9 Rolling Green Village Palmetto Conf Rm A

Tuesday, January 14

#6 10:30am • FPC Parlor
#7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community
#8 10:30am • FPC Room 212
#10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

Thursday, January 16

#2 6:00pm • FPC Formal Dining Room

Tuesday, January 28, 11:30am

#1 Foothills Retirement Community

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

Various Bible studies for women of all ages begin the week of **January 6**, and we invite you to join us! For details, visit FirstPresGreenville.org or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Announcements

COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all services on **Sunday, January 5**.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: TRAFFIC PATTERN

In preparation for the temporary placement of the new chiller, the alley between the Sanctuary and the Symmes-Wilson buildings has been changed to one way coming from Washington Street. Please observe this change and do not enter the alley from the main parking lot. The handicapped spaces have now been angled to allow easier parking. Once the chiller is in place, we plan to create two new handicapped parallel parking spaces to add to the spaces we currently have.

DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy deciphering handwriting and checking boxes on a computer screen? Are you available on Monday mornings around 9:30am for about two to three hours? Are you a member in good standing? If so, you may be suited to be a Worship Data Entry Volunteer in 2020! Please contact Barbara Seibel for more information at 672.1754 or bseibel@firstpresgreenville.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, January 12, or February 2, 9, or 16**, please contact Joyce Galloway at 235.0496.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH HONORS FUND

In honor of

Allen and Nancy Caudel by Mr. and Mrs. James D. Flynn

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of

Tammy Burkhalter by Cema Powell
Joyce Galloway by Cema Powell

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Martha Beth Sturgis by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

Member News

BAPTISMS (December 22, 2019)

Robert Barton Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wayne Kirby (Kelly)

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Patrick Rawlins Jr. (Julieann Marie Surma), who were married in Harper Chapel on December 21.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Bruce (Agnes) in the death of her sister, Becky Bruce of Huntsville, AL, on December 17.

The family of Nancy Gilliam. Ms. Gilliam died on December 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Dora Gilliam

August 13, 1941 – December 3, 2019

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

8:30am • Worship Service/Communion (Sanctuary)

9:30am • Children's Sunday School

• **Youth Sunday Life Groups (Youth 354/352)**

• Continental Breakfast (Memorial Hall)

9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups

10:45am • Ignite Worship/Communion (Fellowship Hall)

11:00am • Worship Service/Communion (Sanctuary)

4:30pm • Covenant Choir—grades 3-5 (Ligon Conf Rm)

• Resonate Worship—grades 6-12 (Choir Room)

6:00pm • Youth Small Groups (off campus)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:30am • Women's Bible Moderators (Formal Dining Rm)

10:30am • Women's Circle Leaders (Room 212)

11:30am • Wit & Wisdom Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

7:00pm • Prayer & Praise Service (Harper Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

5:30pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)

5:45pm • Age 0-2: Nursery (Room 215B)

• Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room 215D)

• Junior High ROOTS (Youth 354)

6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

• Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15pm • Age 4-5: Study/Cherub Choir (Rm 323/ 213)

• Grades 1-2: Carol Choir/Study (Rm 213/323)

• Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (Room 318)

7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)

7:40pm • Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 402)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

7:00am • Men's Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast:

Gospel of John (Formal Dining Room)

8:00am • Women's Prayer Group (Room 212)

9:30am • Women: *Gospel of Matthew* (Rm 301)

11:00am • Community Women: *Wisdom of God* (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: *Children's*

Developmental Services, Harry Bolick

(Formal Dining Room)

6:30pm • Circle #3 (Off campus)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 254)

• Circle #9 (Rolling Green Village)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

