

Ministry News

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

You can assist those in need during these winter months by donating non-perishable food in our hallway baskets or by giving a financial donation to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Turner Fund." Please contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director, for details (565.0943 or tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

CANCER CARING MINISTRY

Do you feel God's call to bless those in the midst of battling cancer? Please contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director, to start serving in our Cancer Caring Ministry today. Call 565.0943 or email tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY

Has God placed it on your heart to be a prayer warrior? Please join our Prayer Room Team to serve one hour each week in the Prayer Room praying for the needs of First Pres members, staff, and community. Contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director, for more information at 565.0943 or tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

JOIN THE GRACE BEREAVEMENT TEAM!

The apostle Paul said, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is... serving, let him serve... if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully" (Romans 12:6-8).

If you been the recipient of a funeral meal after the death of a loved one, you know what a valuable service our Grace Bereavement Ministry provides. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. For details or to volunteer, contact Susan Stewart, ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0966.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN!

Get connected this year in a weekly opportunity to grow in your faith. In this new schedule you'll find details on:

- Sunday Morning Worship
- Sunday Morning groups for all ages
- Wednesday Luncheon Bible Study (begins January 12)
- Wednesday Evening Opportunities for all ages (begin January 12)
- Women's and Men's Weekday Bible Studies

Visit FirstPresGreenville.org (click on the Weekly Schedule icon) or pick up a booklet from the church literature racks. Come grow with us!

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 21, 22, 23

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, January 21-23**. Come discover 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).

Missions & Outreach, Brian Stewart

HELP SANTA "RECYCLE" FOR MIRACLE HILL

As you sort through the blessings of gifts received during Christmas and the New Year, please set aside items you are ready to rotate out of your closet. *Save the date—and items to donate!* Our annual First Pres Miracle Hill Yellow Bag Donation event will be **February 19-20**. Suggested donation items include gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories. Additional details will be forthcoming. In the meantime please *save and set aside* in order to DONATE vs. DISCARD.

Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CHOIRS FOR ALL AGES—COME SING WITH US!

Choirs for all ages resume in early January. Come sing with us!

- **Daytime Adult Choir** Mondays, 11:00am–12:00pm, beginning January 10
- **Cherub (K4–K5) & Carol (1st–2nd grade) Choirs** Wednesdays, 6:15–7:15pm, beginning January 12
- **Covenant Choir (3rd–5th grade)** Wednesdays, 5:30–6:15pm/Choir Room, beginning January 12
- **Resonate! Youth Choir (6th–12th grade)** Sundays, 4:00–5:00pm/Harper Chapel, beginning January 9

- **Adult Choir** Wednesdays, 6:00–7:15pm/Sanctuary, beginning January 12
- **Handbells** Wednesdays, 7:30–8:30pm/Room 402, beginning January 12

Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/MusicRegistration. For details, contact Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

Student Ministries, Mason Simmons

SENIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING JANUARY 9

Parents of Senior High students, we would love for you to join us on **Sunday, January 9**, 4:00–5:00pm, for a Parent Meeting at the home of Rick and Joy Sturgis (209 Wilmington Road, Greenville 29615). Knowing that you are on the front line of ministry every day with your students, we want to encourage you, equip you, and hear of ways that we can help. RSVP to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND MARCH 11-13

Confirmation 2022 is a weekend course that will investigate the very foundations of our faith and what makes us Christians. On the weekend of **March 11-13**, students will gather Friday, 5:00–9:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am–1:00pm; and Sunday, 12:00–2:00pm. Confirmation is a prerequisite for 7th and 8th graders who seek membership at First Pres. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org by **February 14**.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 13

- #3 6:30pm • Home of Brenda Evans (108 Lynchester Road, 29615)

Friday, January 14, 10:00am

- #9 Rolling Green Village Blue Ridge Room C

Tuesday, January 25, 11:30am

- #1 Foothills Retirement Community

Announcements

STAFF NEWS

Bobby Hoffman joined the staff as Director of Stewardship and Development on January 3. He comes to us from Grand South Bank, where he worked the last 20 years as a commercial lender. In his new job Bobby will help the congregation learn and apply biblical principles of stewardship. He will also work closely with the First Presbyterian Church Foundation and its Board of Directors to improve the congregation's awareness of the Foundation's mission and growth, as well as develop relationships with donors. Bobby has been a member of First Pres since 1982, and has served our church faithfully in various ministries. He and his wife Priscilla have two sons, Brent and Blake. Join us in welcoming Bobby to the staff!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORGIVENESS

Dr. Brian Stewart mentioned two books in his message on January 2. Both are available in the Vineyard bookstore.

- For Adults: *Total Forgiveness*, by R. T. Kendall
- For children: *The Friend Who Forgives*, by Dan DeWitt and Catalina Echeverri.

ONE VOICE: A BLACK HISTORY NARRATIVE

Jeremiah "JDew" Dew will perform his "One Voice: A Black History Narrative" on **Sunday, January 16**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. JDew is a well-known and respected Greenville resident, having served for ten years as the "Director of Fun" for the Greenville Drive, as well as the on-court hype man for Clemson University Men's and Women's Basketball programs. His "One Voice" narrative was birthed from the idea that many African-American trials and triumphs could be better explained by the voices themselves and not through a page or political platform. We invite you to come listen and learn as we mark the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR 2022 COMMITMENT?

If you have not yet turned in your commitment for 2022, please make your commitment online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Give, Make Your Commitment – Operations*). Or fill out a commitment card at the church and place it in the offering plate. *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service at 565.0929 or kservice@firstpresgreenville.org. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Member News

BAPTISMS (December 26, 2021)

Mary Hayes Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wesley Powers (Virginia)

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kohler (Gloria) on the birth of a granddaughter, Juliana Josephine Kohler, on December 20. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kohler (Lisa) of Brooklyn, NY.

Dr. Allison and Mr. David Caldwell on the birth of a daughter, Emma David "Edie" Caldwell, on August 9.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

- Children's Nursery (birth–age 3)
- 9:30am • Children's Nursery & Programs (birth–5th gr)
- Youth Sunday School (Room 354)
- 9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups (On campus, Zoom)
- 10:30am • Kids Church (birth–1st grade)
- 10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)**
- 11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)**
- 4:00pm • Resonate Worship (grades 6-12) (Chapel)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 11:00am • Adult Daytime Choir Rehearsal (Parlor)
- 6:00pm • Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 8:30am • Women: *Book of Ruth* (Room 305)
- 10:30am • Circle #6 (Parlor)
- 10:30am • Circle #7 (Off campus: Cascades)
- 11:00am • Circle #10 (Formal Dining Room)
- 7:00pm • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)
- 7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 11:45pm • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30pm • Bible Study: *Samuel, Saul, & Solomon* (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30pm • Covenant Choir (grades 3-5) (Choir Room)
- 5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)
- 6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15pm • Age 0-2: Nursery (Room 215B)
- Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room 215D)
- Age 4-5: Study/Cherub Choir (213/Chapel)
- Grades 1-2: Carol Choir/Study (Chapel/213)
- Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (Room 318)
- Study: *Art of Parenting* (Ligon Conf Rm 100)
- Study: *Genesis* (Room 306)
- Revive Women (30s-40s) (Parlor)
- 6:30pm • Bible Study: *Samuel, Saul, & Solomon* (Fellowship Hall, live stream)
- 7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)
- Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 402)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship (Formal Dining Room, Zoom)
- 9:30am • Women: *Jesus' Last Week* (Rm 301, Zoom)
- Women: *Truth Project* (Room 303)
- Abide for Women: *Discerning the Voice of God* (Room 308, Zoom)
- 11:00am • Women's Community Bible Study: *Elijah* (Parlor)
- 12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Formal Dining Rm)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

- 10:00am • Circle #9 (Off campus: Rolling Green)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

