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# 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, sstewart@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

- 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

#### 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)

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

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 "IDew" 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 oncourt 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.

- 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

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# **Chis SUNDAY**

# Sunday Worship

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

8:30 & 11:00am Worship • Sanctuary 10:45am IGNITE Worship • Fellowship Hall

#### FRESH PRAYERS FOR A NEW YEAR Ephesians 1:15-23 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons**

9:30am - Children's Sunday School 9:30am - Youth Sunday Life Groups 9:45am - Adult Sunday Life Groups 10:30 - Kids Church

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **JANUARY 12, 2022**

Bible Study (12:30pm & 6:30pm) Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Samuel, Saul, & Solomon Classes & Choirs for all ages (see calendar)

# Wednesday Meals (11:45am & 5:15pm) Fried Chicken

Spiral Ham with Apricot Dressing Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Bacon Black-eyed Peas, Collard Greens Steamed Rice, Glazed Sweet Potatoes Salad, Bread, Dessert

# Live Streaming

#### **Sunday Traditional Worship** 8:30am–9:35am • Sanctuary

11:00am-12:15pm • Sanctuary Live Streaming:

Facebook page: Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville FPC YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube

FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream

#### Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship 10:45am-11:55am • Fellowship Hall

#### Facebook page and YouTube channel for live streaming the Ignite worship service:

Ignite Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ FirstPresIgnite/ Ignite YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship

#### Wednesday Bible Study

12:30pm-1:00pm • Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-7:15pm • Fellowship Hall Live Streaming (6:30pm only): Facebook, YouTube, and FirstPresgreenville.org/media/ livestream

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# Prayer & Care

#### **Encouragement & Support**

If you would like a Prayer Minister or Cancer Caring Ministry member to contact you, please email Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org. If you need prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

#### **PRAYER REQUEST LINES**

**Congregational Care Director** Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943 Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 Prayer Requests: 565.0970



**MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER** FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military

#### Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Joy Clawson, Ryan Crais, Lin Cundiff, Levi Daniel, Nancy Deadwyler, Franky Dillard, Gayle Duggan, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Marianne Graves, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Wanda Hightower, Sherry Hooper, Ron Houghton, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Tom Lide, Jenna Livingston, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Jonathan Lotz, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta Maddox, Bobbie McCall,

Barbara McKenzie, Jeff Meadors, John Michels, Mozelle Moore, Chloris

Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Judy Outlaw, Jane Petrilli, Shari Phillips, Myra Phillips, Nancy Ramsey, Beth

Ramsey, Elizabeth Robison, Bill Rogers, Adam Ross, Rob Schoolfield, Lori Sharp, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Clara Lee Shive, Scott

Simmons, Dawn Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Margaret Thornton, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, *Lewis Tollison*, John Volpe, Lysle Wiley, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

**Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital



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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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> **TELEVISION** First and Foremost Program on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina Sundays at 10:30am

#### **ONLINE GIVING**



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For more information about the ministry of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org



# **PRAYER** List

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For the next few Sundays, we will be reminding ourselves of the importance of prayer as we explore some of the great prayers of Scripture—three from the Apostle Paul and two well-known Psalms. Over the course of this new year, we will inevitably pray for those we love, situations we are facing, and challenges that come our way. In this new series, we will discover:

> What happens when we pray? What is the point of prayer? How do we improve our prayer life?

Fresh Prayers for a New Year may be exactly what you have been looking for.

**EGRAPEVINE** 

"I am the vine; you are the branches." JOHN 15:5