

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).

First Pres Academy, Tom Roe

FIRST PRES ACADEMY OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for First Pres Academy Downtown (K2–K6) and Shannon Forest (K3–grade 12) began **January 8**. Visit FirstPresAcademy.com to apply.

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, bpilyer@firstpresgreenville.org).

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE!

Our regular Wednesday schedule of meals and classes begins **January 15**:

Lunch: 11:45–12:30pm • Fellowship Hall

Luncheon Bible Study: 12:30–1:00pm

Supper: 5:15–6:30pm • Fellowship Hall

Classes: 6:15–7:15pm (unless otherwise noted)

Evening Bible Study: 6:30–7:15pm

Join us weekly for a meal and fellowship with those who love the Lord, study of God's Word, joyful music, and Bible study for our children. Courses of study range from the basics to the deep areas of our faith. For details on classes and choirs for all ages, visit FirstPresGreenville.org, or pick up a *Wednesday Advantage* brochure from the literature racks.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS

Join us for this study of Romans, taught by Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons at 12:30 and 6:30pm on **Wednesdays, January 15–April 29**, in Fellowship Hall. As the Constitution is foundational to the United States of America, the book of Romans is the theological foundation of the Christian Life. The most formal and systematic of Paul's epistles, the main theme of Romans is that righteousness comes as a free gift of God received by faith alone. Throughout its history, Romans has repeatedly been the church's catalyst for reform, depth of understanding, and new life. Come study this important book with us!

Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

LIGHT & LIFE PRESENTS "UNPLANNED" MOVIE

As part of *Sanctity of Human Life* month, the First Pres Light & Life Ministry invites you to see the movie "Unplanned" on **Sunday, January 26**, at 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall, free of charge. This compelling movie is considered the most important film you will ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter how your feel about the issue of abortion, you will not leave unmoved by Abby Johnson's story. (Rated R: mature content. Parental discretion advised.) View the movie trailer at Unplanned.com or #unplanned.

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 (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org) or Dr. Claire Ripley, (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

VOLUNTEER WITH MIRACLE HILL MINISTRIES

There are numerous opportunities to serve orphans, the homeless, and addicted adults in the Greenville community through Miracle Hill Ministries. For information about how you or your Sunday School Class, Bible Study, or small group can serve—on a one-time or regular basis—please contact Jean Nickell, jeannickell5@gmail.com or 420.0764.

VOLUNTEER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS

Neighborhood Focus is looking for more volunteers to serve as homework helpers, reading guides, and math tutors for afterschool students in grades 1-5. Just a few hours per week can make a huge impact in the lives of these underserved students. Please contact Keith Groce at kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org if you are interested.

GLORY RIDGE CAMP HIRING SUMMER STAFF

Glory Ridge Camp is hiring summer 2020 staff (age 18 and up). Contact Jennifer Reda, Director of Ministries, at gloryridge@gmail.com to request an application.

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**.

Announcements

STAFF NEWS

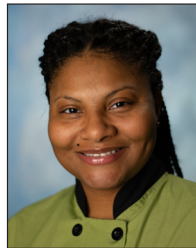
Hannah "Tink" Tinkey, our new Junior High

Female Student Coordinator, is an Alumni of Columbia International University and is currently studying for her Masters in Christian Ministry at North Greenville University. She enjoys hiking, playing sports, being crafty and artistic, spending time with family and friends, and drinking Earl Grey tea! Working alongside Female Student Ministries Coordinator Kate Fagan, Hannah plans to use her gifts and teachings from the Lord to further the Kingdom with the next generation of believers. She says, "I am so excited to meet the families and students of FPC!"



Taiesha "Tye" Lowden is now a full-time member of the Food Ministry Team.

Originally from Philadelphia, she has lived most of her life in Greenville and has five beautiful children, ages 2 to 14. Before coming to First Pres, she worked at the Phoenix Center, serving food to teen boys struggling with problems related to substance abuse. Tye came to work at the church after prayerfully seeking a role that would allow her to serve God and show her love for people by cooking and serving food for them.



MAYOR KNOX WHITE AT FPC THIS SUNDAY

We are delighted to welcome to our 10:45am and 11:00am worship services **Sunday, January 12**, Greenville Mayor Knox White. Dr. Gibbons will speak with Mayor White about the growth and development of Greenville, asking how we as a congregation can pray for the city in 2020.

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 entering 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.

FIRST PRES CHANNEL ON ROKU

If you have a Roku media player or Roku TV, you can now access the church's free streaming channel. Look for *First Presbyterian Greenville* in the Channel Store.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, February 2 or 9**, or **March 1 or 8**, please contact Joyce Galloway at 235.0496.

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sieber (Karen)** in the death of his father, Merle Kip Sieber of Greenville, on December 22, and to Blake, Hunter, and Kendall Sieber in the death of their grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Thomas (Laurie) in the death of his father, Paul Grayson Thomas Sr. of Laurens, SC, on January 1, and to Gray and Ben Thomas in the death of their grandfather.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

8:30am • Worship Service (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 (Fellowship Hall)

11:00am • Worship Service (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 13

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:30am • Women's Study: *The Armor of God*

(Formal Dining Room)

6:00pm • Diaconate Meeting (Formal Dining Room)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:45am • Women's Study: *David: a Heart Like His*

(Room 214)

10:30am • Circle #6 (Parlor)

• Circle #7 (Cascades Verdae Community)

• Circle #8 (Room 212)

11:00am • Circle #10 (Formal Dining Room)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

9:00am • Level IV Prayer Training (Room 316)

11:45am • Luncheon Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall)

5:00pm • Gospel Project: *Better than Eden* (Off campus)

5:15pm • 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)

• Men: *Abraham, Hero's Journey* (Room 210)

• Revive Women *30s–40s: Genesis* (Parlor)

• Study: *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not.* (Room 309)

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

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

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

• Women: *Foster/Adoption Support* (Rm 403)

• Study: *That's a Good Question!* (Room 303)

• Study: *Feasts of the Lord* (Formal Dining Rm)

6:30pm • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall)

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

• Men: *Our Victory in Jesus* (Off campus)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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)

• Women: *Gospel of John* (Room 210)

• Abide Young Mothers: *Hebrews* (Room 212)

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

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: NCCAA,

Robert Crain (Formal Dining Room)

6:00pm • Circle #2 (Formal Dining Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 254)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

