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## Ministry News

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Are you looking for a way to have a lasting impact? Be a consistent, familiar face in Children's Ministry! You don't need to be a gifted speaker or a superb artist—just have a humble and willing heart that wants to share Jesus with children. To find your place, email Heather Tomlinson, [htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

*First Presbyterian Academy, Jenna Bagnoli*

### FIRST PRES ACADEMY POSITION AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Academy Downtown has a position open for Late Stay Teacher. The hours are 2:00–5:30pm, Monday–Friday. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Burr at [vburr@firstpresacademy.com](mailto:vburr@firstpresacademy.com) for details.

*Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones*

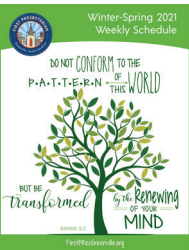
### MAKE A DIFFERENCE! INVEST IN A CHILD

Many children have fallen behind in schoolwork during the pandemic. But imagine if you had no support or if there were no consistent adults in your life who cared. We are partnering with the local bridge agency, *Fostering Great Ideas*, to provide tutors for children in foster care. If you could assist a child with homework at the church, and be a consistent adult for a season, contact Tina Jones at 565.0921 or [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### WINTER-SPRING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Get connected this year in a weekly opportunity to grow in your faith. In our new Winter-Spring Schedule you'll find details on Sunday morning worship and opportunities for all ages; Wednesday evening opportunities for all ages; Women's and Men's Weekday Bible Studies; and more. Visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (click on the *Weekly Schedule* icon).



### WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us. If you would like to learn more about FPC ministries, get connected to a Bible Study or Life Group, or request prayer, please visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)/connectcard or text "Connect" to 864.920.5323, and complete the online card. *Questions?* Contact Charlotte (565.0956, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Membership Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### NEW MEMBER WEEKEND POSTPONED

Our *New Member Weekend* that was scheduled for **January 22-24** has been postponed. The next *New Member Weekend* will be **Friday–Sunday, April 23, 24, and 25**. For more information, contact Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERINGS

**Men's Bible Fellowship** meets on **Thursday mornings**, 9:00–10:15am via Zoom. Men of all ages are invited to join this Bible study, currently in Galatians. Contact Ron Kennett ([kennetts4usc@gmail.com](mailto:kennetts4usc@gmail.com)) for Zoom connection codes.

**Christian Men's Fellowship** meets on **Thursdays**, 12:00–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Retired and nearly retired men of First Pres are invited to come weekly for lunch and an informative, interesting, inspirational program. If you wish to reserve a lunch (\$8), contact Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or 565.0956). Contact Andy Douglas ([adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org), 565.0962) for more details. Social distancing will be observed.

*Missions & Evangelism, Brian Stewart*

### NEW YEAR'S CLOSET CLEANSE FOR MIRACLE HILL

Save the date—and items to donate! Our annual First Pres *Miracle Hill Yellow Bag Donation event* will be **February 20-21**. Suggested donation items include gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories. Watch for further details.

*Music & Worship Arts*

### CONCERT TICKET REFUNDS

Refunds for Christmas@First concert tickets are available until January 31. Please bring or mail your tickets to the Finance Office and we will send you a check. Be sure to include your name and address.

*Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### TUESDAY HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Tuesday evening *Healing & Prayer Service* has been suspended until further notice due to rising COVID cases. The Healing Prayer Team will continue to offer prayer and prayer appointments by phone and Zoom. To leave a prayer request, call 864.565.0970. For a prayer appointment, call 864.565.0960.

*Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter*

### WIT & WISDOM SUSPENDED

Wit & Wisdom, our monthly program and luncheon for age 55 and up, has been suspended. In order to keep our members safe, we will not meet this spring, but plan to resume in September for the 2021-2022 year. *Questions?* Please contact Susan Stewart ([ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org), 565.0966). We miss our Wit & Wisdom folks and look forward to meeting in person again!

*Stewardship Ministry, Andy Douglas*

### COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2021

If you have not already done so, please mail your commitment card to the church, drop it by the church office, or make your pledge online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (click *Give, Pledge—Operations*). *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service (565.0929 or [kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org)). *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Announcements

### VIRTUAL ECO NATIONAL GATHERING JAN. 29-30

Have you ever heard about the great speakers at our denomination's annual National Gatherings and wished you could attend? This year instead of meeting at one central location, the annual ECO National Gathering will be offered over the internet as a virtual event **Friday-Saturday, January 29-30**. View the presentation schedule and register for the Gathering at [ECONationalGathering.org](http://ECONationalGathering.org). For more details, email Autumn Clark, [aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

### BLOOD DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Local blood supplies are low. If you are healthy and able, donate at the local Blood Connection donation center on Woodruff Road or find a drive near you at [TheBloodConnection.org](http://TheBloodConnection.org). Every whole blood donation has the power to save up to three lives, and donations of convalescent plasma help those currently battling COVID-19.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, February 7, 14, or 21**, please contact Trish Alford at 235.0496.

## Member News

### CONGRATULATIONS

*The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wier (Tomi)** on the birth of a granddaughter, Alice Lynn Bruton, on January 8. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bruton (Jana) of Summerville, SC.

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. George Creswell (Lou)** in the death of her brother, Lamar Derrick Bledsoe Jr. of Troy, SC, on January 1.

**Miss Eliza Guthrie and Mr. West Guthrie** in the death of their grandfather, David Edward Guthrie Sr. of Greenville, on January 2.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Orders (Diana) and family** in the death of her father, John Davis Schmitt of Greenville, on January 4.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ford Borders (Libby) and family** in the death of her mother, Katherine Graves Knight of Greenville, on January 6.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knight (Barbara) and family** in the death of his mother, Katherine Graves Knight of Greenville, on January 6.

**Mr. and Mrs. Rick Knight (Pam) and family** in the death of his mother, Katherine Graves Knight of Greenville, on January 6.

**Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burrell (Karen)** in the death of his father, Victor Floyd Burrell of Simpsonville, on January 7.

## Memorials & Honors

### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of*

**Marie Parker** by Mrs. Nancy Freeman

### MUSIC MINISTRY: YOUTH CHOIR

*In honor of*

**Debbie Martin** by the Deacons

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

*In memory of*

**Virginia Anderson** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand

**Dottie Cole** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand

**Rose Graham** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand; Mason and Becky Powell

**Wake Myers** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Satterfield; Mrs. Dettie Piper; Carroll and Jimsie Hart; Melissa and Paul Tolmie; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rule

**Marie Parker** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand; Mrs. Dettie Piper

**Pat Quarles** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand

**Earle Russell Jr.** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson III; Becky and Alf Ruff Jr.; The Random Readers Book Club; Mason and Becky Powell; Earle, Sam, and Robin Russell; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; Danny and Sallie White; Ms. Jackie Highley

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY: GYM

*In memory of*

**Russell W. Powell** by Bo and Allison Russell

*In honor of*

**Chris Littlejohn** by Bo Russell

**Art Seaver** by Bo Russell

**Marshall Barron** by Sam and Earle Russell

**Adam Bach** by Rob Russell

**Mack Ward** by Rob Russell

### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of*

**Wake Myers** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

**Marie Parker** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

## Calendar for the Week

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

*Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for screening.*

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

**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)**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**8:30am • Women: A Woman's Words (Room 305)**

**6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s): A Woman's Words (FPC, Off campus)**

**7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**10:00am • Above All Women: Psalm 23 (FPC, Zoom, Off campus)**

**4:30pm • Gospel Project: Gospel of Mark (Off campus)**

**5:15pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)**

**5:45pm • Age 0-2: Nursery (Room 215B)**

• Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room 215D)

**5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)**

**6:00pm • Study: I Was Broke. Now I'm Not. (Rm 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)

• Study: *In the Beginning* (Formal Dining Rm)

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

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**9:00am • Men's Bible Fellowship (Zoom)**

**9:30am • Women: Who Is Jesus? (Off campus, Zoom)**

• Women: *Exodus* (Room 303)

• Abide for Women: *Growing in God's Family* (Room 308, Zoom)

**12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)**

**6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s): A Woman's Words (Room 303)**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*



