

THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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Ministry News

Activities Ministry

TOLLISON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Kathryn Ann Batson and Matthew Willson were awarded the 2021 Lewis and Nancy Tollison Scholarships at the Ignite service on February 28. This annual award recognizes one senior boy and one senior girl basketball player who have played with both competitive flair and exemplary sportsmanship. Congratulations, Kathryn Ann and Matthew!



Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

Vacation Bible School 2021 will be **June 21-24!** We are excited that we'll be able to both host families on campus and offer a virtual option so everyone can be included. VBS provides a unique opportunity for parents and kids of all ages to get involved. For our planning, we need an early feel of the area you and your family would like to serve. Please respond to let us know if you are interested in serving:

- Behind-the-scenes prior to VBS;
- In-person at the church the week of VBS;
- Off-campus virtually the week of VBS.

Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.9021) to volunteer or find out more. Watch the *GrapeVine* for registration information.

College Ministry

COLLEGE CARE PACKETS

Parents, we will be mailing college care packets to students' home addresses in late March. Please let us know if your home address has changed. Contact Autumn Clark (aclarck@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0947) with questions.

GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021-2022

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desk and online at FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf. Submit your completed scholarship application, with attachments, to the Gallivan-Mills Scholarship Committee (drop off at the Reception Desk or email to Heather Swofford) no later than **Wednesday, March 31**. Questions? Contact Heather Swofford (hbhg316@gmail.com, 864.380.2099).

First Pres Nursery School, Beth Plyler

SUMMER@1ST SUMMER CAMPS

Summer@1st is designed for infants through 3 year olds for the months of June and July. Camp is full of fun activities, free play, crafts and snacks, musical activities, playground time, and of course, daily Bible stories. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. Campers can attend 2, 3, or 5 days per week, and you choose the weeks that work for your family. Enroll at FirstPresNurserySchool.org (click *Programs*; scroll down to *Summer@1st*). Questions? Contact Beth Plyler, *Summer@1st* Director (565.0940, summer@firstpresgreenville.org).

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

#FPCfollowme UP, IN, and OUT

The Gospels teach us that wherever Jesus went, He formed His disciples in the relational rhythm of UP, IN, and OUT: UP, as He connected them to the Father. IN, as He formed them in nurturing relationships with one another. And OUT, as He sent them to represent Him in the world. Today, Jesus forms His disciples in the same way.

How about you? Are you making regular space in your life to worship Him? (UP) Do you spend time in genuine fellowship with those you love? (IN) Are you able to share the hope that you have with friends who do not know Jesus? (OUT) As we each live in the relational rhythm of UP, IN, and OUT, He promises to make us more like Him so the world will see a glimpse of His Kingdom now.

Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MOVEMENT

The Light & Life Ministry of First Pres invites you to participate in the 40 Days for Life movement, which aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community



outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Over the 40 days of Lent, prayer vigils will be held outside the Greenville Women's Clinic on Grove Road. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com or contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964.

Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley

ALL MEN INVITED: PURSUIT WEEKENDS

3Gen Ministries' 2021 plan for the Men's annual Pursuit Discipleship Weekend involves smaller groups meeting on a weekend during **late March and April**. Each smaller Pursuit weekend will be hosted by a trained and equipped leader who will choose the dates, location, and adventure activities for his group. The Pursuit Weekends will conclude with an outdoor celebration night on **Monday, May 3**, at the Saluda Outdoor Center for an evening of food, fellowship, worship, and equipping. Details are at 3GenMinistries.org/events. To lead a group or join a group or if you have questions, please contact Michael Trotter at trottermichael1@gmail.com or 803.984.5242.

Missions & Outreach, Brian Stewart

2021 GASCC OF SC: REGISTRATION OPEN

The 8th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina, benefiting Send North missionaries Steven and Natalie Hall, will be held on **Friday, April 23**, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. Visit 2021gascsc.eventbrite.com for registration and sponsorships. Questions? Please contact Steven Hall at shall@send.org.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 3 invites all women to join their monthly study via Zoom on **Thursday, March 11**, at 6:30pm. (Email alisonquarles@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.) **Circle 6** meets in the Parlor on **Tuesday, March 9**, at 10:30am. Our other Women's Circles will combine to meet in Harper Chapel on **Tuesday, March 9**, at 10:00am, studying Ezra and Nehemiah.

Announcements

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

FPC's Ministry Leadership Development Course will begin this spring. Come to an orientation meeting to find out more on **Sunday, March 7** at 3:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. The course begins later in March and is comprised of seven sessions that will meet in the spring and fall on **Sundays** (3:00–4:30pm) or **Wednesdays** (6:00–7:30pm). In the MLDC you'll learn about our Gospel Identity, Spiritual Gifting, ECO Essential Tenets and Polity, Evangelism and FPC's Strategic Vision. The course, open to all covenant partners in the congregation, is great preparation for any church leadership role and is also a prerequisite for nomination as an elected church officer. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org. Contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER!

We invite you to order Easter Flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org (Easter flowers icon) or fill out a form from the literature racks, and return it with your payment (\$15 each) to the church office, by **Wednesday, March 24**.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

Looking Ahead

March 28	Palm Sunday
April 1	Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm (free tickets* required)
April 4	Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 10:45 Ignite, 11:00am (free tickets* required)
March & April	*Reserve free tickets at FirstPresEaster.com .
March & April	Men's Pursuit Discipleship and Adventure Weekends
April 23-25	New Member Weekend

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wannamaker (Sarah)** on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Credon Wannamaker, on March 1. Sarah is the First Pres Organist.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Becky)** in the death of his brother, Johnny Johnson of Marietta, GA, on February 24.

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND

In memory of

Dottie Ayers by Mr. Jack C. Whitesides; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burrell

Sally MacArthur by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Sally MacArthur by Ms. Lynnette Scherzer

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Sally MacArthur by Mr. John E. Trexler

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY: GYM

In honor of

Sam Howard by Davis Barron

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Katherine Knight by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson III

Sally MacArthur by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson III

Jackie Rudder by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson III

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)
Please read COVID guidelines before coming on campus.
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)
3:00pm • MLDC Orientation (Formal Dining Room)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
6:00pm • Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
8:45am • Women: Elijah (Zoom)
10:00am • Women: Combined Circles (Harper Chapel)
10:30am • Circle #6 (Parlor)
8:30am • Women: A Woman's Words (Room 305)
7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
10:00am • Above All Women: Psalm 23 (FPC, Zoom, Off campus)
11:45pm • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
12:30pm • Bible Study: Romans (Fellowship Hall)
4:30pm • Women: Gospel Project (Zoom)
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)
6:15pm • Age 4-5: Study/Cherub Choir (Rm 316/317)
• Grades 1-2: Carol Choir/Study (Rm 317/318)
• Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (Room 318)
• Study: *In the Beginning* (Formal Dining Rm)
6:30pm • Bible Study: Romans (Fellowship Hall, live stream)
• Radiance Women (20s-30s): *A Woman's Words* (FPC)
7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

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)
11:00am • Women's Community Bible Study: Jude (Parlor)
12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: Rev. Bob Jones, speaker (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s): A Woman's Words (Room 303)
• Circle #3 (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Sunday Worship

MARCH 7, 2021

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

Series: "NEVERTHELESS"

Genesis 28:10-22

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

For updates, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream
and FPC's Facebook page.

This WEDNESDAY

MARCH 10, 2021

Bible Study (12:30pm, 6:30pm)

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans
Classes for all ages (see calendar)

Wednesday Meals (11:45am, 5:15pm)

Rosemary Garlic Roast Beef
Lemon Battered Perch, Steamed Red Potatoes
Potato Wedges, Whole Baby Carrots
Steamed Asparagus, Assorted Vegetable Blend
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am-9:35am • Sanctuary
11:00am-12:15pm • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

Facebook, YouTube, and
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:

Live Streaming:

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

Please "like" & "subscribe" for easy access.

Prayer & Care

Encouragement
& Support

If you would like a **Prayer Minister** to call and pray with you, or a member of our **Cancer Caring Ministry** to reach out to you, please contact Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter, by email to tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team:
call 565.0970
or email

prayer@firstpresgreenville.org

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

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

Susan Black, Ann Bush, **Cathy Chandler**, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Greg Dobson, *Gayle Duggan*, **Betsy Farnsworth**, Tom Finley, Allie Fish, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Jennifer Loft, Gerald Loyless, Anne Lybrand, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Judy Meadors, Lindy Miller, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Charles Scales III, Jeff Shelton, Jane Sterling, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmermann

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Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE GIVING



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

New Sermon Series

March 7 | March 14 | March 21

There are moments for each of us when God intervenes in our lives. He brings about significant, unexpected change and we are surprised to realize it is not only our circumstances which change.

We change radically and extensively.

In this brief series **Jacob**, **Shadrach**, **Meshach**, **Abednego**, and **Peter** encounter God in surprising places. If you are frustrated and discouraged at how little you encounter God at moments when you need Him the most, come and join us, but don't be surprised when He speaks into your circumstances and says

"Nevertheless."

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REDEMPTION AND RENEWAL

THE GRAPEVINE

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