

Volume 17, No. 15 ☞ April 12–18, 2020

## Ministry News

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL EASTER ANGELS MISSION!

Thank you for generously giving treats and cards for our annual Easter Angels mission. Your donated items enabled us to provide Easter bags to every Greenville Summit resident. Please continue to pray for the staff and individuals of the Summit community, that God will protect and provide for each of them. *Questions?* Contact Karen King (884.9824 or kking@firstpresgreenville.org).

*College Ministry*

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP APPS DUE

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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf); turn in by **this Wednesday, April 15**. *Questions?* Contact Ken Chapman (kenc667@charter.net, 630.1997).

*Congregational Care Ministry, Tim Leslie*

### CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Although we can no longer visit members in hospitals and rehab/nursing homes, our pastors, elders, deacons, and Pastoral Visitation Ministers are in contact with these members and our senior saints by phone, and are offering care, help, and prayer wherever they can. If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see Calendar or call 235.0496).

### FPC FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

First Pres regularly provides food items to those with emergency needs. During these unprecedented days, the requests have greatly increased. We encourage you to drop off non-perishable items at church any weekday, 10:00am–2:00pm. Thank you!

*Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### STAYING CONNECTED

*"And they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*



While we wait to gather face to face, many life groups are continuing to meet VIRTUALLY! For up-to-date information on how you can join them, please contact a leader below. Don't see your group represented? Contact Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org) to include information in future GrapeVines.

#### SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

FLOCK • Tom Angermeier:  
tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com  
THE GATHERING • Lee and Margaret Dixon:  
ldixon23@aol.com; mdixon21@charter.net  
GOSPEL PARTNERS • John Millener:  
jmillener@bellsouth.net  
GRACE • Scott Holiday: jshnet2yahoo.com  
JOURNEY • Paul Halphen: phalphe@gmail.com  
R.N. WARD • Dawn Stewart:  
dawnstewart@mindspring.com  
S.A.L.T • Jessica Goodwin: jycg2006@yahoo.com  
THE WAY • Clay Brown: ClayBrown@gmail.com

#### MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES (MCs)

AUGUSTA STREET MC • Thursday nights  
Eric Swofford: swofford4@gmail.com  
CRESCENT AVENUE MC • Tuesday nights  
Mollie Murphy: molliemurphy@gmail.com

### IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR RIGHTNOW MEDIA!

RightNow Media, a free digital library resource, has over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults. To sign up, choose one:

- Text RIGHTNOW FPG to 41411.
- Go to [RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/firstpresgreenville](http://RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/firstpresgreenville).

We hope your family will use this expansive library of biblical content to help you grow in your faith and deepen your walk with God.

*Missions, Brian Stewart*

### FIRST PRES BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 22

The Blood Connection is urging everyone who is feeling healthy and well to donate blood as soon as possible. First Pres will be hosting a drive in the parking lot on **Wednesday, April 22**, (changed from April 1) 1:00–6:00pm. **Appointments are strongly recommended;** walk-ins will be placed only in unclaimed time slots. Those waiting will be spaced apart outside. The Blood Connection follows strict guidelines on keeping the bus sanitized and they are limiting the number on the bus at one time.

To make your appointment, call the church (235.0496) 9:00am–4:00pm Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm Friday, or go online to [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/145285](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145285). Eat lunch, drink plenty of water that day, and bring your driver's license. Donors will receive a \$10 VISA gift card. To view an interactive map of all blood drives and donor centers, go to [TheBloodConnection.org/donors](http://TheBloodConnection.org/donors) and click on "donate blood now."



*Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett*

### CONCERT: HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

The Music & Worship Arts Team is planning a concert called "Hope for the Hopeless: Music for Perseverance and Strength." The entire team is involved, with each member recording a song that speaks to them. There will be favorite vocal as well as instrumental selections. This concert will be ready soon online and also on DVD and CD—watch for details!

*Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas*

### GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

While First Presbyterian Church has shifted the way it operates for the moment, it has definitely not ceased to transform the heart of the city! We are currently reaching out to the Greenville Summit and countless individuals, conducting worship services, and producing hours of video content along with live video meetings. If you are able, please consider giving to FPC online. At FirstPresGreenville.org (click GIVE), you can give electronically to the operating budget or Capital Campaign. You can also make commitments and check your giving history.

For quick access to the online giving web page, scan this QR code ▶

If you need help navigating the website or have questions, contact

- Kristy Service, *Contributions Administrator*  
kservice@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.7036
- Andy Douglas, *Stewardship Director*  
adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.1753
- Mike Templeton, *Finance Director*  
mtempleton@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.0371

You may also, of course, mail in your weekly offering or drop it by the church office. Thank you for your spirit of generosity to God and to First Presbyterian Church. Please know that the Finance Committee, pastors, and staff are working diligently to be good stewards of these gifts.

### CARES ACT EXPANDS TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

U.S. leaders realize the need for help from churches, food pantries, and other charitable organizations to climb our way back to normal. To encourage more charitable giving in 2020, the recently enacted government stimulus bill (the "CARES Act") provides some additional tax relief for donors. Please consult your tax advisor for details.

### HOW DO YOU OVERCOME FINANCIAL ANXIETY?

How do you overcome financial anxiety in a healthy, biblical way? This article explains: <https://compass1.wordpress.com/2017/02/27/how-to-overcome-financial-anxiety/>

Our Stewardship Director, Andy Douglas, would be glad to help you as well. Together you can pray

for a release of this anxiety and for God's guidance as you prepare and develop a personal plan. Prayerfully constructing a plan and adhering to it may help reduce the uncertainty and fear of the unknown. Andy can be reached at 672.1753 or adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org on Monday–Thursday during church office hours. All conversations are kept in strictest confidence.

*Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan*

### WHILE WE WAIT SERIES

The Roots team is continuing to put out daily videos on our YouTube page and Instagram (@FPC\_roots). Join us for these brief devotions as we seek to foster healthy spiritual habits during this time or even implement a family devotion with it!

## Announcements



### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE ONLINE APRIL 9

At our **Maundy Thursday** online worship service, *Journey to the Cross*, we will retrace the steps Jesus took on His way to the cross through music, art, and the Bible, with perspective by Rev. Dr. Shelton Sanford. This time of worship and introspection will put into clear relief the unmerited favor God has lavished on us.

This service will be streamed online at FirstPresGreenville.org on **Thursday, April 9, at 7:00pm**, and will also be shown on Facebook ([facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)) and YouTube at <http://www.bitly.com/firstpresyoutube>. Invite family, friends, and anyone who might need to hear this good news, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the beauty and joy of Easter Sunday

### WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING

You can watch our Sunday worship service at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Streaming Worship* icon), YouTube (<http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube>), and Facebook ([facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)) at 8:25am or later on Sundays.

### WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST ON FOX

You may also watch a 30-minute worship service TV broadcast on Fox Carolina each Sunday at 10:30am.

### EASTER FLOWERS AVAILABLE APRIL 14

Easter flowers ordered in honor or memory of loved ones may be picked up at church on **Tuesday, April 14**.

## Calendar for the Week

### ALL EVENTS CANCELED THROUGH APRIL 30

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 13

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*  
*Church Office closed: Easter holiday*

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

### Looking Ahead

Please watch for updates on our website, FirstPresGreenville.org, emails, & Facebook posts.

### Online Worship

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 12, 2020

WORSHIP STREAMING  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)  
(click the *Streaming Worship* icon)  
**YouTube & Facebook**  
(see below)

**“Incredulity on a Sunday?”**  
Luke 24:36-52  
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### Prayer & Pastoral Care

#### Thoughts for these Uncertain Times

As we prepare for Easter, picture how horrific it would have been to witness Jesus’ death in person. Now imagine it from the Father’s perspective, how He felt placing the sin of the world, the sin of you and me, on the shoulders of His perfect and undeserving Son.

The death of Jesus was a turning point in the scope of eternity. His sacrifice meant a change from all of humanity opposing God to the Crown of His creation returning to His fold. When God placed the sin of humanity on Christ’s shoulders, He was taking the position of the father of the prodigal son, running out to meet us as we are: His children finally able to return home to Him for good.

God so longed for communion with you that He paid the ultimate price. He counts you worthy of the death of His Son. Let that truth shape your identity. Let God’s love be the foundation for your perspective, thoughts, emotions, and actions today. May your heart be stirred to live in light of God’s unconditional love. May you be rooted in the unshakable nature of your heavenly Father. And may you live today in the eternal embrace of God, knowing that you are wholly and forever His beloved.

#### Encouragement & Support

If you would like a **Stephen Minister** to walk with you through these difficult days, 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 by emailing Tammy Burkhalter at [tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

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

#### To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team:

call  
**672.1838**  
or email  
[prayer@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresgreenville.org)

Joyce Alexander, **Susan Buser**, Wes Cadden, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lin Cundiff, **Ben Crider**, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, **Craig Dickinson**, **Linda Dickinson**, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, John Gilpin, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, Motte Grey, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Jim Hastings, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, *Wells McCullen*, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, **Ian Millar**, Sarah Millener, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Jim Nabors, Margaret Nordeen, Alex Olyarchuk, Fritz Orr III, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Linda Perry, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Robyn Rush, Billie Schiera, Mary G. Seiley, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, **Mollie Sullivan**, Debbie Thomas, Grayson Thomas, Nina Thomason, Dianne Timblin, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Macy Turner, **Karen van Galder**, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmerman

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

#### PRAYER REQUEST LINES

**Congregational Care Director**  
Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327  
**Prayer Appointments:** 672.1848  
**Prayer Requests:** 672.1838

### Worship Service Streaming

Watch our Worship Service Stream on Sundays mornings

Ways to view:

- **FirstPresGreenville.org:** click the *Streaming Worship* icon (8:25am)
- **YouTube:** <http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube> (8:30am)
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville) (8:25am)

Growing faithful Christians to engage and impact the culture with the transforming power of Jesus Christ

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
200 West Washington Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

phone 864.235.0496  
website [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)  
email [contactus@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:contactus@firstpresgreenville.org)  
[facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)  
[@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCGreenville)  
mobile app FPC Live

#### TELEVISION

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

#### ONLINE GIVING



April 12–18, 2020

### WHAT’S INSIDE

Discover Hope this Easter

How to Overcome Financial Anxiety

STAYING CONNECTED:  
Sunday Morning Life Groups  
Missional Communities

WAYS TO HELP:  
Food Ministry  
Blood Drive April 22

Online Worship &  
Online Giving

RightNow Media

For more information about the ministry of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

Discover Hope this Easter!

ONLINE WORSHIP  
EASTER SUNDAY  
8:30am & 11:00am  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

“He is not here.  
He has risen!”

MATTHEW 28:6

Join us for a joyous day of celebration as we give God glory for the Resurrection and victory over death!

April 12–18, 2020