

Ministry News

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).

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

FOUNDATIONS • Adam Bach:

adamcbach@yahoo.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: mollielmurphy@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.

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 CANCELED

The First Pres Blood Drive that was scheduled for April 22 has been canceled by The Blood Connection. They are, however, still urging everyone who is feeling healthy and well to donate blood at the blood centers as soon as possible. Amidst the concerns over coronavirus, fewer people are donating blood, leading to a dangerous shortage of critical blood supply for our local cancer patients and accident victims. Please visit TheBloodConnection.org/donate-blood.

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!

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 7

Due to current restrictions, we will not be hosting a gathering for the National Day of Prayer for Greenville here at First Pres. However, **Thursday, May 7**, is still the National Day of Prayer. We encourage you to join Christians across the nation that evening for The National Day of Prayer observance, to be streamed live from Washington, DC. Watch for more details. What better time to come together in prayer!

Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

An enormous *Thank You* goes to so many of you for sending in your weekly offerings over the last few weeks. You realized fairly quickly that when we don't meet on a Sunday, our tithes and offerings drop significantly, and you prayerfully responded by mailing in your weekly contributions. THANK YOU. Please know that the Finance Committee, pastors, and staff are working diligently to be good stewards of these gifts.

GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Your giving enables us to continue transforming the heart of the city! We are currently reaching out to countless individuals, conducting worship services, and producing video content along with live video meetings. 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 Pres.

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: ECCLESIASTES + WEDNESDAYS

As we continue to adjust to our current situation, Roots has been diligently working to reach your students in every way possible. Our new series on the book of Ecclesiastes on our Youtube page and Instagram (@FPC_roots) continues to provide

spiritually nourishing content. Parents, please utilize this video series to encourage your student to foster healthy spiritual habits during this time or even implement a family devotion with it! Feel free to send it to anyone you'd like as well.

The Roots gang will be meeting weekly on **Wednesdays**, 6:30–7:30pm via zoom for a time of reflection, prayer, and decompressing as we tackle some of the major issues facing us during quarantine. We would love for your student to join us in the weeks to come as we catch up with one another. Details will be texted and posted to Instagram prior to our meetings.

Announcements

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) 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.

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Childers (Toni)** in the death of her sister, Carol C. Kampmeyer of Charleston, SC, on April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preston (Brenda) in the death of their son, Evan Preston of Greenville, on April 7.

Memorials & Honors

STEPHEN MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Lynn Lewis by Mrs. Phyllis Crist; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schlansker

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Dot Whitesides by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burrell; Ms. Margie Hall; Marty and Melinda Moore; Ms. Polly Martin; Ms. Nancy Freeman; Bob and Julia Bandholz

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of

Julie A. Buchanan by Mr. Jonathan Barrington; Mr. Bryant Lambert

Calendar for the Week

ALL EVENTS CANCELED THROUGH APRIL 30

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Looking Ahead

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

