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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 Acts 2:42 bread and to prayer."



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

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 continues 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.

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)



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

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-toovercome-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

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**

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Looking Ahead

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

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

This SUNDAY

Online Worship

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2020

WORSHIP STREAMING FirstPresGreenville.org (click the Streaming Worship icon) YouTube & Facebook

> (see below) "The God of All Grace"

1 Peter 5:6-11 **Rev. Dr. Shelton Sanford**

Watch our Worship Service Stream on Sunday mornings

Ways to view:

- FirstPresGreenville.org: click the Streaming Worship icon (8:25am)
- YouTube: http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube (8:30am)
- Facebook: facebook.com/ FirstPresGreenville (8:25am)

Prayer & Pastoral Care

God's Unfathomable Love for YOU

The unfathomable love of God is expressed in Ephesians 5:2: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God, a sweet fragrance."

God's love for us is so deep that He could count the atrocities committed against His Son as a sweet fragrance. God's desire for restored relationship with us is so immense that He could look upon the death of His Son with favorable remembrance.

I don't think we as God's children understand the joy our Father feels when we spend time with Him. I don't think we understand the depth of His love that He would pay the highest price simply to have unhindered relationship with us again. While you meditate on Ephesians 5:2, think about how tirelessly God has been working since Adam and Eve sinned simply to be able to enjoy His people again—to walk with them as He once did.

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.

Pastor Stan Johnson

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.

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 Joyce Alexander, Susan Buser, Wes Cadden, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lin Cundiff, Ben Crider, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny,

PRAYER List

Craig Dickinson, Linda Dickinson, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Joyce Galloway, 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 Ölyarchuk, 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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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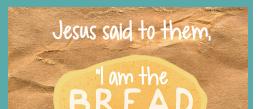
For more information about the ministry of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org



In great demand • powdered or evaporated milk • cans of meat • cans of

• cans of vegetables

Also needed cereal and other breakfast items
box of spaghetti noodles with



Growing faithful Christians

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

° 11 Y 115 T Y U Helping those in need in the Greenville community

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 food items at church weekdays • 10:00am-2:00pm Thank you!

- jar o<u>r can of sauce</u>
- cans of soup
- cans of spaghetti or ravioli
- bags of rice
- cans of fruit
- sleeves of crackers
- jars of peanut butter



He who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst." **JOHN 6:35**

Questions? Contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director • tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org

EGRAPEVINE

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