

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

First Presbyterian considers the safety of our children and youth a top priority. To have all eyes trained in how to spot predators, every volunteer with the Children's and Youth Ministries must complete the *Stewards of Children* child protection training. In addition, the entire church staff has been trained. This course focuses on prevention, but also gives information on how to watch for signs that might be displayed after abuse. For this reason, it is beneficial to every person who has a role in a child's life: aunts, uncles, babysitters, grandparents, etc. Whether you volunteer with us or are simply interested in learning how to protect the children in your realm, this online training is open to you.

Go to: <https://www.d21.org/get-trained/>

This training takes two hours, and you may start and stop as needed. Click "Individual" when choosing the training. Use code FLIPTHESWITCH at checkout and it will be FREE.

FREE VIDEO LIBRARY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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](https://www.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 during this time of separation due to COVID-19.

Preschoolers will enjoy *Owlegories* and the *Bedbug Bible Gang*. **Elementary children** will have fun watching *Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent*, *3-2-1 Penguins*, and *Night Owls & Early Birds*. Even our **toddlers** will learn from *Cherub Wings*. You can trust that your children are learning solid Bible truths in a creative way that captivates their attention. And **all children** can join in praises through the various song videos we've placed in the *First Pres Kids Collection*.

Congregational Care Ministry, Tim Leslie

CARING FOR OUR SENIOR 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 THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations of food items for those with emergency needs. Requests continue to be high, so we encourage you to drop off non-perishable items at church any weekday, 10:00am–2:00pm. *Questions?* Contact Tammy Burkhalter, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org. Suggested items (* = most needed):

- powdered or evaporated milk*
- cans of meat*
- cans of vegetables*
- cereal and other breakfast items
- boxes of macaroni and cheese
- cans of spaghetti or ravioli
- box of spaghetti noodles
- with jar or can of sauce
- bags of dried beans
- bags of rice
- cans of soup
- cans of fruit
- sleeves of crackers



Missions, Brian Stewart

ARE YOU HEALTHY? GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

The Blood Connection is 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

HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS—CONCERT + DVD/CD

The Music & Worship Arts Team is recording a concert called "Hope for the Hopeless: Music for Perseverance and Strength." The entire team is involved, with each member choosing songs that speak to them. The concert will include vocal solos, instrumental solos, and instrumental duets. 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. For details, visit NationalDayOfPrayer.org. What better time to come together in prayer!

Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

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.

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to
The family of Motte Grey. Mrs. Grey died on April 14.
Mrs. Betty Cady in the death of her husband, Charles Cady, on April 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Seibel (Barbara) in the death of her grandmother, Merna Lee Chance Snay of Hutchinson, KS, on April 19.

Mrs. Gladys "Hap" Henderson in the death of her daughter, Constance Henderson Price of Twin Falls, ID, on April 19.

IN MEMORIAM

Motte Gresham Grey

April 2, 1932 – April 14, 2020

Charles T. Cady

February 28, 1926 – April 16, 2020

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND

In loving memory of

Dot Whitesides by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Dot Whitesides by Curt and Lorie Brown; Jane and Bill Nance; Mr. Kenneth Brown; Mrs. Anne Lybrand; Salley Wood Elliott and family

Announcements

NEW SERMON SERIES:

ENCOUNTERING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Amidst an unprecedented national state of emergency, a global pandemic, and significant uncertainty about the future, what does our faith teach us about responding to the real-life challenges we currently face?

In some of Jesus' last words, He assured His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8). So what exactly did Jesus mean by "you will receive power"?

Over the next few weeks on Sunday mornings, we will be embarking upon a journey of exploration and discovery that is designed to take us away from vague, uncertain notions of what it means to engage in "Encountering the Power of the Holy Spirit." Few scriptural truths will stretch you more, and few practical realities will equip you more. Living out your faith each day—and doing so while growing and enjoying an abiding daily intimacy with the Holy Spirit—is an experience you do not want to miss!

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY: DEMOLITION & CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Over the past two weeks, we have pulled everything out of the Symmes-Wilson building to get ready for demolition. The equipment from the interior playground has been installed in the courtyard outside Fellowship Hall. The abatement contractor is now removing asbestos from the Symmes-Wilson building. Demolition will begin shortly after the abatement is completed. Thanks to the continued support and contributions from our congregation, construction is scheduled to begin near the end of the summer. Please pray for God's guidance throughout this project.



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 TV BROADCAST ON FOX

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

Calendar for the Week

ALL EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Looking Ahead

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

This SUNDAY

Online Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

WORSHIP STREAMING
FirstPresGreenville.org
(click the *Streaming Worship* icon)

YouTube & Facebook
(see below)

SERIES: “Encountering the Power of the Holy Spirit”
“NOURISHING YOUR LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” • Romans 8:5-17
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Worship Service Streaming

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](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville) (8:25am)

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Living by Faith

Faith is defined as “complete trust or confidence in.”

We can put our trust in other people and even in things, but none can promise what the Lord can.

God’s Word tells us “You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!” Isaiah 26:3

Lord, we pray that You will remove all fear and help us to keep our thoughts fixed on You. Bless us with perfect peace during these difficult days as we trust in You. Increase our faith and allow us to rest in you.

In the Name above all names, the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

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

PRAYER List

Joyce Alexander, Susan Buser , Wes Cadden, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lin Cundiff, Ben Crider, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Craig Dickinson, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Joyce Galloway, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, John Gilpin, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, 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, 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



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

ONLINE GIVING



April 26–May 2, 2020

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

April 26–May 2, 2020

Staying Connected while we wait...

“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.

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

NEXT STEPS • Karen Van Galder:
vangalderkaren@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

Other Life Groups

MEN’S BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP, & BREAKFAST • Thursday mornings
Ron Kennett: kennetts4usc@gmail.com

FLOCK MEN • Tuesday evenings
Mike Thomason: bhjm4@aol.com

Missional Communities (MCs)

AUGUSTA STREET MC • Thursday nights
Eric Swofford: swofford4@gmail.com

CRESCENT AVENUE MC • Tuesday nights
Mollie Murphy: mollielmurphy@gmail.com

CHANTICLEER/AUGUSTA ROAD MC • Sunday Evenings
Nicole Swiger: nicoleseiler@hotmail.com



Questions? Contact Claire Ripley, Life Connections Pastor • cripley@firstpresgreenville.org

THE GRAPEVINE

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