

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FAMILY DEVOTION STARTER

Need a little help with your family devotion time? We've been hearing great feedback about the children's programs on RightNow Media. Some families have been using **Micah's Vlog** as a family devotion starter. Start with the *Fruit of the Spirit* episodes and let us know what you think!

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 during this time of separation due to COVID-19.

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.

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).

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

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. Don't see your virtual group represented? Contact Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org) to include information in future GrapeVine newsletters.

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

FLOCK • Tom Angermeier:

tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com

FOUNDATIONS • Adam Bach:

adambach@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

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

OTHER LIFE GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP, & BREAKFAST •

Thursday mornings

Ron Kennett: kennetts4usc@gmail.com

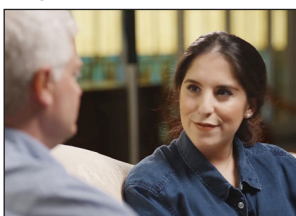
FLOCK MEN • Tuesday evenings

Mike Thomason: bhjm4@aol.com

Missions, Brian Stewart

WATCH AN INTERVIEW WITH SHADI FATEHI

The Pars Theological Centre outside of London, England, is at the forefront of training leaders for the Iranian Church both inside Iran and throughout the world. As the Iranian Church is the fastest growing body of believers in the world, First Pres considers this organization to be one of our key partners in global evangelism. Shadi Fatehi is on staff at Pars and is their key spokesperson at other ECO churches around the USA. She was also a recent speaker to our youth and our annual missions conference. Watch an interview with Shadi on the First Pres Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/391981964>.



SUPPORT MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING MAY 10

Every Mother's Day, South Carolina Presbyterian Churches participate in an offering for the Presbyterian Communities of SC. Despite responsible saving for retirement, due to longevity, some residents need financial assistance to stay in their retirement home. Their average age is 91!

Because our church is not currently meeting physically, we encourage you to give online at <https://www.prescommunities.org/make-a-gift>; or mail your gift to PCSC "Mother's Day," 2817 Ashland Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Visit PresCommunities.org for more details.

GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC JUNE 5

The new date for the 7th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina is **Friday, June 5**, at The Clinton House. Check-in is at 8:30am with a 9:30am shotgun start. As in years past, safety will be our top priority. We will implement all needed social distancing measures throughout the event to keep everyone healthy and safe. This shoot benefits the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall serving with SEND North. Register at <http://2020gascsc.eventbrite.com>. *Questions?* Steven Hall: 907.320.0158 or shall@send.org

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 to replenish the blood supply for our local cancer patients and accident victims. Please visit TheBloodConnection.org/donate-blood.

Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Your generous giving enables us to continue transforming the heart of the city! You can give electronically to the operating budget or Capital Campaign at FirstPresGreenville.org (click GIVE). You may also, of course, mail in your weekly offering or drop it by the church office. If you need help navigating the website or have questions, contact Kristy Service, *Contributions Administrator* (kservice@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.7036).

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations

for nine months ended 03/31/20

| | Actual | Budget |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Contributions | \$4,908,990 | \$4,945,485 |
| Expenses | <u>\$4,509,467</u> | <u>\$4,808,021</u> |
| Net income | \$ 399,522 | \$ 137,464 |

Capital Campaign

Transforming the Heart of the City

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Total contributions received | \$ 8,511,142 |
| Total pledges + unpledged giving | \$18,090,234 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Announcements

WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING—3 Ways to Watch

FirstPresGreenville.org

(click *Streaming Worship* icon)

YouTube (<http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube>)

Facebook (facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

WORSHIP SERVICE TV BROADCAST ON FOX

Our 30-minute worship service TV broadcast airs on Fox Carolina each Sunday at 10:30am.

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Halphen (Kaci) on the birth of a daughter, Ellie Hayes Halphen, on April 20

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Richy Milligan (Leslie) in the death of her father, Robert Glenn Capps of Fayetteville, NC, on April 10, and to Rich and Georgia in the death of their grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellison (Ann) in the death of his father, Alfred Allen "Fred" Ellison of Saint Johns, FL, on April 13, and to Keys Ellison in the death of his grandfather.

Mr. Bill Walker in the death of his wife, Sarah Walker, on April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Burdette (Hannah) in the death of his grandfather, Michael V. "Mickey" Burdette of Lanett, AL, on April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Swofford (Heather) in the death of her mother, Emma Jennings Spalding of North Attleborough, MA, on April 26, and to Isaac and Lydia Swofford in the death of their grandmother.

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Cobb Walker

July 16, 1928 – April 23, 2020

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND

In loving memory of

Motte Grey by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Fred Ellison by Mr. Jack Cobb; Luther and Sally Boliek; Ann and Ron Rash

PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In honor of

Linda Elliot by Sally Cleveland

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Mabel Hemminger by Lisa and Rip VanRiper

Dot Whitesides by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

Calendar for the Week

ALL EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

MONDAY, MAY 4

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Looking Ahead

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

Online Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

WORSHIP STREAMING
FirstPresGreenville.org

(click the Streaming Worship icon);
other options below

SERIES: “Encountering the Power
of the Holy Spirit”

“KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT”

Galatians 5:16-25

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Walking with God in Prayer

Proverbs 3:13-18: *Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold... She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.*

Wisdom comes from God, and prayer helps us find wisdom. Walking with God in prayer increases wisdom that cannot be stolen or overcome. We have recently seen health, wealth, and peace diminished into pandemic, poverty, and panic. But according to Scripture, wisdom is ours to keep and is more profitable, precious, and pleasant than anything else we could desire or acquire. Prayer will serve as a path for your family to run to God in times of temptation, fear, rejoicing, and everyday decisions. The National Day of Prayer is next week! Together, we will “Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth.” May we seek wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as we walk together with God in prayer.

Lord, we humbly ask You for wisdom in these challenging days, praying that You will guide our footsteps as we walk with You. Pour out your mercy and grace, not only upon our families, but also on our city, state, and country. In the mighty name of 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

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, 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 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)

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

May 3–9, 2020

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Donate Blood at Blood Centers

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

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



May 3–9, 2020

National Day of Prayer | Thursday, May 7

PRAY
GOD’S GLORY
Across the Earth

“FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF
THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.”

HABAKKUK 2:14 NIV

MAY 7, 2020



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

2020 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



KATHY BRANZELL



WILL GRAHAM



NICK HALL



MICHAEL W. SMITH



HARRY JACKSON



ANDREW PALAU



BLAIR LINNE



ROBERT MORRIS



JIM CYMBALA



GABRIELLE ODOM



BILLY WILSON

ALONG
WITH OTHER
LEADERS
FROM
ACROSS
AMERICA!

Join Christians across the
country for the National Day of
Prayer national observance
live from Washington, DC.

Thursday, May 7
8:00–10:00pm ET

Streaming:

NationalDayOfPrayer.org
NDP Facebook Live

Television:

GodTV, Daystar, NLC

Radio:

Moody & Bott Radio Networks

The National Day of Prayer
is observed annually on the
first Thursday of May for all faiths
to pray for the seven pillars of
our community, state, and nation:
**Churches, Government, Families,
Education, Businesses, Military,
and Media.**