

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR "SPECIAL BUDDIES"?

All children thrive from one-on-one attention, and some children are more likely to focus on God's Word when they have a one-on-one helper on Sundays. We call these helpers "special buddies." There are currently 15 buddies who help make it possible for our children to have a better opportunity to succeed in the Sunday School classroom and feel loved. This ministry has a few openings and training is provided. Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) if you are interested!

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](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.

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. Volunteers are asked to provide a certificate of completion to Tina Jones.

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:
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: claypbrown@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
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

SUPPORT PCSC WITH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

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

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 7

Join Christians across the country for the National Day of Prayer observance live from Washington, DC, on **Thursday, May 7**, 8:00–10:00pm ET. *Streaming:* NationalDayOfPrayer.org NDP Facebook Live; *Television:* GodTV, Daystar, NLC; *Radio:* Moody & Bott Radio Networks. For details, visit NationalDayOfPrayer.org.

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).

APPLYING GOD'S TRUTH TO YOUR FINANCES

Stewardship Director Andy Douglas recommends the article, "20 Ways to Apply God's Truth to Your Financial Crisis." To read it—and other compelling articles on Christian finances—go to ChristianStewardshipNetwork.com/blog/ and click on the articles that interest you.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Fred Ellison by Mike and Maggie Boliek; Mr. and Mrs. R. Ligon King, Jr.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Dot Whitesides by Bob and Eva Williamson; Margaret and Tatum Boulware

Announcements

THE VINEYARD BOOKSTORE IS OPEN!

Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm

For Mother's Day, graduation, and Father's Day gifts, come to the First Pres Vineyard bookstore! Gift ideas include Christian books, stationery, jewelry, soaps and lotions, crosses, prayer cards, scarves, shawls, and home décor items—vases, trays, framed art, pillows, tea towels, and more. A Vineyard gift certificate is always a great idea, too. Contact Stacey at 672.1846 with any questions. She is happy to meet you for an appointment as well.

2020 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2020 (or December 2019) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org (*Graduates* icon) or contact Tomi Wier (twier@firstpresgreenville.org) by **Friday, May 29**.



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

Dr. and Mrs. Chris Wright (Sandy) on the birth of a granddaughter, Aurelia "Rae" Shirley Brutosky, on May 1, and to Rae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryn Brutosky (Jennifer) of Greenville.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Waldrop (Eugenia) in the death of his father, Robert Gregory Waldrop of Greenville, on April 26, and to Chip in the death of his grandfather.

Dr. and Mrs. John Sanders (Suzanne) in the death of her father, Robert Gregory Waldrop of Greenville, on April 26, and to Jack, Hailey, and Mac in the death of their grandfather.

Mrs. Seceli Barrett in the death of her husband, Bo Barrett, on May 1, and to Rivers and Stone in the death of their father.

Mrs. Nancy Thomason in the death of her grandson, Bo Barrett, on May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Forster (Melissa) in the death of his father, John Henry Forster of Raleigh, NC, on May 2, and to Aidan and Aaron in the death of their grandfather.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Thomason "Bo" Barrett

March 28, 1971 – May 1, 2020

Calendar for the Week

ALL EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 10

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

MONDAY, MAY 11

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

Looking Ahead

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

Online Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

WORSHIP STREAMING

FirstPresGreenville.org

(click the *Streaming Worship* icon);
other options below

SERIES: "Encountering the Power of the Holy Spirit"

"2020 VISION"

Acts 16:1-15

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Prayer & Pastoral Care

With God, All Things Are Possible

In the Bible, prayer stopped storms, calmed waves, healed the sick, raised the dead, and even stopped time. Scripture reminds us, "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). These last few weeks have been challenging as well as scary, and the days ahead seem very uncertain. Being quarantined at home has left some people busier than before, as they juggle work and home along with major health concerns. More than ever we need to be in prayer with our Holy God, not just casual prayer, but fervent, storm-the-gates-of-heaven prayer that calls out to God in desperation and urgency. Be intentional to spend time in prayer and have intimate quiet time alone with God, earnestly seeking His face as you humbly take your requests to your heavenly Father. *Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.*

Lord, we humbly come before You, desperately calling for Your mercy and grace. Even though You know our every need, Your Word tells us to come boldly before Your throne and make our requests known. We ask that You would eradicate this invisible enemy, remove the chaos, and draw us close to You! Help us to trust in You to bring order back to our days and enable us to once again safely worship, work, and play together in close proximity. In the precious 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, **Gladys "Hap" Henderson**, 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)

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



May 10-16, 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

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Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities of SC

The Vineyard Bookstore is Open!

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Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic June 5

2020 Graduates to be announced in June

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

SPREAD JOY!

During this difficult season, the FPC *Light & Life* Ministry invites you to spread joy by participating in "Bundles of Joy" donations for Piedmont Women's Center (PWC).

For each woman who comes to PWC experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and chooses LIFE over abortion for her baby, PWC provides a "Bundle of Joy." These gifts help support and encourage expectant mothers who choose LIFE for God's precious babies despite difficult economic or emotional circumstances, reminding her that someone personally cares about her and her new little one.

ITEMS NEEDED

Baby Lotion
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Baby Blankets, Crib sheets
Baby Towels/Washcloths
Sleepers, Onesies, Bibs
Baby Socks/Booties
Newborn Outfits, Hats/Caps
Stuffed Animals (small & safe)
Pacifiers, Nail Clips
Combs & Brushes
New BPA-free Bottles
Newborn Diapers

Piedmont WOMEN'S CENTER
Pregnancy Medical Clinic



Three ways to give "Bundles of Joy" items:

1. Go to the PWC Donations page, PiedmontWomensCenter.org/donate/, and choose "Donate Now" to make a financial contribution for PWC to purchase items, or choose "Gifts in Kind," then "Amazon Smile Charity Wish List" to purchase needed items online and have them shipped directly to PWC.
2. Purchase the "Bundle of Joy" items of your choice; deliver them personally to a PWC location (call 233.3823 for hours):
• **1143 Grove Road, Greenville** • **100 Collins Drive, Greer**
3. Mail a financial contribution directly to **Piedmont Women's Center, 1143 Grove Road, Greenville, SC 29605.**

SPREAD GRATITUDE!

The *Light & Life* Ministry sincerely thanks you for supporting young mothers who choose to give LIFE to their babies!

We will mail a complimentary **GRATITUDE card** to someone you are grateful for—family member, friend, nurse/doctor, first responder, or other "hero"—telling them you have contributed to PWC's "Bundles of Joy" in their honor. *Email Stephanie Johnson* (fpclightandlife@gmail.com) with the name and mailing address of the person you wish to acknowledge.

For more information or to get involved in the *Light & Life* Ministry, contact John Hoover: 615.268.3507 or robertjohnhoover@gmail.com.

"You guided my conception and formed me in the womb.
You clothed me with skin and flesh,
and You knit my bones and sinews together.
You gave me life and showed me Your unfailing love.
My life was preserved by Your care."

JOB 10:10-12 NLT

May 10-16, 2020