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# Ministry News

#### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

**CONCRETE & CRANES VBS JUNE 21-24** Rising K5-rising 4th graders, grab your hardhats and tools and come explore how Jesus is our foundation at "Concrete & Cranes" VBS!

Monday–Thursday • June 21-24 9:00am-12:00noon

Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org (Featured Events, Children). Parents and friends-WE NEED YOU! Click on the volunteer link to sign up to serve. For details, contact Evelyn Penkert at epenkert@ firstpresgreenville.org. Don't forget to register by June 1 to receive a free T-shirt to wear each day of VBS. (A few extra T-shirts will be available for \$10 each on a first come, first served basis.)

#### DAY MISSIONS JUNE 21-24

For rising 5th-12th graders, college students, and adults, Day Missions will be June 21-24, 9:00am-12:00noon, at mission locations that meet COVID guidelines. Because students' placement in groups depends on available chaperones, please register early at FirstPresGreenville.org (Featured Events, CHILDREN). For details, contact Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org. Register by June 1 and receive a free T-shirt!

#### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DAY MISSIONS

Please donate "Necessity Gift Bag" items for Greenville Summit, Garden Apartments, Towers East, and others in need: Paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing liquid (for handwashing dishes), laundry detergent, fabric softener, glass cleaner, packaged crackers and snacks, sugar-free snacks, zip-lock bags (any size). Bring items to the Children's Ministry area by Sunday, June 13. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

#### College & Young Adult Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

THE GATHERING SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP College student home for the summer or young adult? All singles, dating, and married, late teens to early 30s, are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30am in Room 401. Lee and Margaret Dixon lead this life group with biblical teaching on life topics. Questions? Contact Margaret Dixon (mdixon21@charter.net, 864.678.0212).

#### Finance Ministry, Mike Templeton

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH AMAZON SMILE

Do you want to help make a difference while you shop at Amazon-online or mobile-at no extra cost to you? Get started by going to Smile.Amazon.com or the Amazon mobile app on your phone. Select "First Presbyterian Church of Greenville" as your charity and follow the instructions. When you shop, make sure to go to Smile.Amazon.com and they'll donate a portion of your eligible purchases to us!

#### Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Do you ever think the problems of this world are too big for you to make a difference? That's understandable, but we can each do something to make a difference for someone. Join a 45-minute zoom call with Fostering Great Ideas on Thursday, May 20, at noon to learn how Volunteers Can Change the World. To register or with questions, contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS SUMMER ENRICHMENT**

Sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Par 3 for Hope, the 3rd annual golf benefit to help raise needed funds for the upcoming Neighborhood Focus Summer Enrichment Program. This year's summer camps in June and July promise to be a special time for the vulnerable children and families served by Neighborhood Focus. Their great summer staff includes two stellar young leaders from First Pres, Tom Brackbill and Clark Sturgis. Please continue to pray and consider financially supporting the needs of this excellent program for less fortunate kids in the White Horse Road Corridor. For details, contact Keith Groce (864.704.7848, kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org).

C.S. LEWIS INSTITUTE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS The C. S. Lewis Institute (CSLI) Greenville is a Christian ministry headquartered in Washington, DC, since 1976, that supports evangelical churches in Greenville through discipleship opportunities. CSLI is seeking interested applicants for their 2021-2022 year-long Fellows Cohort who desire to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and in living and sharing their faith with others. Through monthly gatherings for teaching and discussion, mentorship, peer group discipleship, and self-study of books by numerous authors, fellows grow in grace as wholehearted disciples of Jesus Christ. Apply at https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/ Greenville. Questions? Contact Rev. Matt Miller (m.miller@cslewisinstitute.org) or Kelli Galloway (k.galloway@cslewisinstitute.org).

#### Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

**REDEEMING LOVE STUDY BEGINS MAY 20** All women are invited to a book study of Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. This is a retelling of God's amazing grace through the classic story found in Hosea. Join us every other Thursday beginning May 20, 9:30-10:30am. Contact leader Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0921) for location and more details.

#### VIDEO STUDY OF EXODUS ON THURSDAYS

Join us for a video study of Exodus, by Tom Bradford of Torah Class. Led by Kate Hellier (kthellier@bellsouth.net, 801.3189), this class meets each Thursday, 9:30-11:30am in Room 303/304, and welcomes you to join at any time.

### Announcements

#### 2021 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2021 (or December 2020) 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 (Featured Events, Graduates icon) or contact Tomi Wier (twier@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, May 28.

#### LEARN ABOUT SERVING AS A CHURCH OFFICER

Covenant partners who have completed the Ministry Leadership Development course and are sensing a call to serve as an Elder or Deacon starting in 2022 are invited to an informational meeting. Come on Sunday, May 23, at 5:00 pm or Wednesday, June 2, at 6:00 pm. Register with Susan Stewart, sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

# Memorials & Honors

#### AGAPE FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

In memory of

- Allie Fish by Mr. and Mrs. George O. Short Jr. Marie Parker by Mr. and Mrs. George O. Short Jr. Pat Quarles by Mr. and Mrs. George O. Short Jr.
- Those of the Agape Fellowship Class who have recently passed by Mr. and Mrs. Clair Brittain Jr. In honor of
- The Agape Fellowship Class by Mr. and Mrs. Clair Brittain Jr.

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

- Jim Childs by Priss and Bob H. Jones
- Betty Kabas by Charles and Kathy Parke
- Sally MacArthur by Priss and Bob H. Jones
- Jim Williams by Priss and Bob H. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Daughtry; Mr. and Mrs. James Belk Sutton; Bob and Becky Carter

#### MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

- In memory of
- Allie Fish by the Agape Fellowship Class

#### PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Maryann Abbott by Mr. and Mrs. George Creswell

Jim Childs by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. McAlhany Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander; McM Technology, LLC; Dwight and Lee Odom; Gayle and Randy Blouin; Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Freeman; Ms. Frances Stokes; Mr. Charles C. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Bird III; Ms. Janet Sandifer; Dan and Jean Crawford; Dr. and Mrs. C. David Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; Dr. and Mrs. Doug Stokes; Beth and Chuck Simmons; Mrs. Mary Jane Myers; Covenant Class; Mr. and Mrs. George Creswell; Dr. and Mrs. Johnny Goforth III; Dr. and Mrs. James L. Young Jr.; Janice and Donnie R. Cooley; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austell; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks; Mr. and Mrs. Joel T. Barnett; Mr. and Mrs. William T. Lusk; Phil and Shelby Williams

#### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE In memory of

Jim Childs by Bob and Becky Carter

Earle Russell Jr. by Charles and Kathy Parke

#### **TURNER MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of

Maryann Abbott by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Lusk Allie Fish by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

Jim Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loyless; Mr. and Mrs. William T. Lusk

## Calendar for the Week SUNDAY, MAY 16

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064) Please read COVID guidelines before coming on campus. 8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

- 9:30am Children's Nursery & Programs (birth–5th gr) Youth Sunday School (Room 354)
- 9:45am Adult Sunday Life Groups (On campus, Zoom)
- 10:30am Kids Church (birth–1st grade) 10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream) 11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream) MONDAY, MAY 17

#### Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley **MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Formal Dining Room (and via Zoom) at 7:30am, with breakfast at 8:30am (\$4). Men of all ages are invited to join this Bible study. Contact Ron Kennett (kennetts4usc@ gmail.com) for Zoom connection codes.

#### Missions, Brian Stewart

THANK YOU FOR PCSC MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Thank You to all who donated to the Mother's Day Offering for the six Presbyterian Communities of SC. This fund enables residents to stay in their retirement home when they have outlived their life's savings. You may still contribute using the envelopes and brochures in our literature racks, or online at PresCommunities.org. Thank you for your generosity!

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in y the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on Sunday, May 30, or a Sunday in June, contact the receptionist at 235.0496.

# Member News

#### **BAPTISMS (May 9, 2021)**

Jordan Michael "Mick" Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Michael Johnson (Kelsey)

Mary Crosby Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brian Reese (Brittany)

#### CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant Lambert (Lyndsey) on the birth of a daughter, Elise Suzanne Lambert, on April 19.

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 4:00pm • Community Bible Study Servants Team Meeting (Room 308)

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 18**

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

• Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

11:45pm • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

12:30pm • Bible Study: Romans (Fellowship Hall)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)

6:15pm • Study: In the Beginning (Formal Dining Rm)

7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20

#### Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship (Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

9:30am • Women: Exodus (Room 303)

11:00am • Women's Community Bible Study: Jude (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 21

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 22

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

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# **ReThis SUNDAY**

# Sunday Worship

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

8:30 & 11:00am Worship • Sanctuary 10:45am IGNITE Worship • Fellowship Hall

Series: ELIJAH "The God Who Answers by Fire" 1 Kings 18:20-39 **Rev. Stan Johnson** 

9:30am - Children's Sunday School 9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups 9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups 10:30 – Kids Church

# This WEDNESDAY

#### MAY 19, 2021

Bible Study (12:30pm) Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

#### Wednesday Lunch (11:45am)

Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steak Turnip Greens, Lima Beans **Oven-browned Potatoes** Yellow Rice, Cornbread Dressing Salad, Bread, Dessert

# Live Streaming

#### **Sunday Traditional Worship**

8:30am-9:35am • Sanctuary 11:00am-12:15pm • Sanctuary Live Streaming:

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ firstpresgreenville FPC YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream

# Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am-11:55am • Fellowship Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel for live streaming the Ignite worship service: Live Streaming:

Ignite Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/ Ignite YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship

Please "like" & "subscribe" for easy access.

### Prayer & Care **Encouragement** & Support

If you would like 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 Director Tammy Burkhalter, by email to tburkhalter@ firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team: call **565.0970** 

or email prayer@firstpresgreenville.org

#### **PRAYER REQUEST LINES**

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943 Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 Prayer Requests: 565.0970

#### June Anderson, Emma Barfield, Kelly Barfield, Susan Black, Dick Brennecke, Tammy Burkhalter, Ann Bush, Joy Clawson, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Greg Dobson,

**PRAYER** List

Lori Driscoll, Gayle Duggan, Betsy Farnsworth, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Ron Lemley, Jennifer Loft, Gerald Loyless, Anne Lybrand, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Jeff Meadors, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Deryl McKinney, John Michels, Lindy Miller, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Charles Scales III, Lori Sharp,

Janice Shartle, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Dale Tompkins, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Lysle Wiley, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmermann

**Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital



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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

phone 864.235.0496 website FirstPresGreenville.org email contactus@firstpresgreenville.org facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville instagram @FPCGreenville mobile app FPC Live

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





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

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



The Old Testament book of Nehemiah offers a timeless message of hope to Christians, reminding us that Jesus came to set us free from our own Babylonian captivity by becoming the true temple, living Word, and the One who is preparing a city where the walls

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# led by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

are perfectly pure and secure. This history of redemption and revelation provides an overview of what it means to study Christ in all of Scripture.

Join us as we find great truths that encourage us to trust that the good hand of our God is upon us.

> Questions? Leah Cloud Icloud@firstpresgreenville.org • 565.0931

# **EGRAPEVINE**

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