

Volume 18, No. 22 ☞ June 6–12, 2021

Ministry News

Activities Ministry

TRAVEL TO ITALY MAY 15-26, 2022

Travel with Dr. Richard Gibbons to see Italy and the Oberammergau Passion Play, May 15-26, 2022. Only 12 seats remain for this 12-day tour of Italy that includes Rome, Florence, and Venice. The tour concludes in Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play. Tour brochure and registration are available from Imagine Tours & Travel. Register online at RegisterNow.ittworld.com, Tour Code *Graham22*.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

UPDATED SUNDAY PROCEDURES

Beginning **Sunday, June 6**, Children's Ministry will offer programming for infants through three-year-olds during the 8:30am service in the nursery suite. In addition, parents will not need to register their children for Sunday mornings beginning **June 6**.

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.

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.

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, hand soap, 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).

Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones

DONATE ITEMS FOR FOSTER KIDS

Do you have any **small suitcases** that are just taking up space in your attic? Put them to good use. Children and youth in foster care, who move an average of seven times before the age of 18, usually leave abruptly, with just a few personal belongings in a plastic bag. A simple thing like a suitcase of one's own can make such a difference. Drop off your donations in the Children's Ministry hallway.

Infants and toddlers are twice as likely as older children to enter foster care, so the need for **diapers** is always present. Bring your donation of any size diapers to the Children's Ministry area by **June 6**.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Re|engage is a marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ. During this 16-week small group Bible study, couples will learn how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall Re|engage will be offered on **Wednesday evenings**, in-person or Zoom, and on **Sunday evenings**, in-person or Zoom. The joint kick-off will be held **Sunday, August 15**, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$50 per couple. Children's programming (birth–5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Registration

begins **June 11** at FirstPresGreenville.org; register by **August 6**. To find out more, watch the FPC Re|engage video at vimeo.com/437214387. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (565.0956, cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

FPC LIFESAVER BLOOD DRIVE ON JUNE 13

The Carolinas and Georgia are on the verge of a blood shortage due to historically low donor turnout. *Did you know that every whole blood donation has the power to save up to three lives?* We invite you to be a LIFESAVER at the First Pres Blood Drive on **Sunday, June 13**, 9:00am–1:00pm in the main parking lot. Donors receive a \$20 eGift card and COVID antibody screening. To schedule an appointment in advance, go to Donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/172394 or contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0921). If you are unable to donate at the FPC drive, consider making an appointment at the Blood Connection. Give of yourself to help our community!

NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS SUMMER ENRICHMENT

This June and July, Neighborhood Focus Summer Enrichment Program camps promise to be a special time for the vulnerable children and families served by Neighborhood Focus. 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).

LEAF FELLOWSHIP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

How does my faith relate to my career? How do I live out my faith well in a pluralistic age? How might Christians who are committed to Greenville's future invest in the renewal of our city?

Leaf Fellowship, a nine-month faith, work, and theology discipleship program founded by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC, is partnering with Gotham Fellowship to provide a uniquely Greenville-focused training program in theological, spiritual, and relational formation.

Applications for the upcoming session, **September 2021–April 2022**, are due by **Monday, June 21**. For details and to apply, go to <https://www.leafinstitute.org/fellowship>, or contact Brannon McAllister at brannon@leafinstitute.org or 347.218.1980.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDIES

- **Lemonade & Learning**—This summer's refreshing monthly study for women will focus on the book of Nehemiah, and will be led by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley and Leah Cloud. Join us on **second Tuesday mornings—June 8, July 13, August 10**—at 10:00am in the Parlor.

- **Redeeming Love Study**—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 (June 17; July 1, 15, 29)**, 9:30–10:30am in Room 212. Contact leader Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0921) for 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.

- **Saints and Scoundrels begins June 30**—Join us for a book study of *Saints and Scoundrels*, by Nancy Guthrie. Led by Nancy Caudel, this class will meet **each Wednesday, June 30–August 25**, 9:30–11:30am in Room 301/302, with a Zoom option available. Contact Nancy Caudel (nancycaudel@att.net, 286.1101) to register and order a book.

Member News

BAPTISMS (May 30, 2021)

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Nason Paul Bernthal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bernthal (Siriluck)

COVID-19 PROTOCOL CHANGES

Based on recently updated CDC guidelines for Communities of Faith, the Session has implemented changes to our COVID-19 protocols that go into effect **this Sunday, June 6**. Changes are reflected on our church website at FirstPresGreenville.org (COVID-19 icon).

Announcements

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, June 20, July 4, or July 11**, call Linda Sholtis at 235.0496.

GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

The Finance Committee reminds you to continue giving regularly to the church operating budget. Drop your offering in the offering plates during our worship services, mail or bring a check to our Finance Office, or give online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Give*). If you have questions about pledging or giving online, Kristy Service (565.0929) in the finance office will be glad to help you. Thank you for giving generously!

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Jo O'Neall by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Short

PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Jim Childs by Charlie and Vicki Wood

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE

In memory of

Allie Fish by Mrs. Evelyn Nietzer

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Maryann Abbott by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson III

Jim Williams by Charlie and Vicki Wood

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Betty Kabas by Anne Marie Hempy

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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)

12:00pm • Reception for Claire & Brian (Parlor)

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

10:00am • Women: Lemonade & Learning (Parlor)

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

• Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

11:45pm • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

9:30am • Women: *Exodus* (Room 303)

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

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

“THRIVING AMIDST CHANGE”

Colossians 1:1-14

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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

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, Susan Black, **Anne Childs**, Joy Clawson, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Greg Dobson, Gayle Duggan, Lori Driscoll, Betsy Farnsworth, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Daisy Garrett, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, *Tom Lide*, Jennifer Loft, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta Maddox, *Bill Marks*, Jeff Meadors, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, John Michels, Lindy Miller, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, **Charlie Reid**, Charles Scales III, Lori Sharp, Janice Shartle, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, *John Volpe*, Lysle Wiley, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, **John Woodham**, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New *Italics = In Hospital*

This WEDNESDAY

JUNE 9, 2021

Bible Study (12:30pm)

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: *Romans*

Wednesday Lunch (11:45am)

Chef’s Choice: for updates, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/connect/lets-eat

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT’S INSIDE

Congratulations
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart

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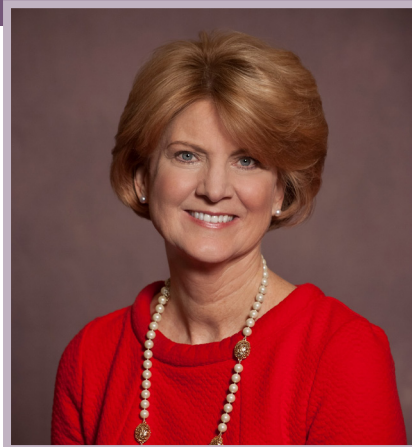
Travel to Italy in 2022

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

Congratulations to Claire and Brian

The Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley earned her Doctor of Ministry degree on January 10, 2020, from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Her thesis, entitled *A Missional New Member Curriculum: A Launch into a Life of Discipleship*, explored the prominent role of spiritual formation and discipleship in congregational transformation.

Claire serves as our **Associate Pastor of Discipleship**, which includes Sunday Life Groups, Women’s and Men’s Ministries, Bible studies, Marriage Ministry, and New Member Discipleship.



The Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart earned his Doctor of Ministry degree on May 8, 2021, from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His thesis, entitled *Initiating a Missional Discipleship Movement in a Historic, Mainline Congregation: An Adaptive Leadership Study at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC*, explored issues related to leadership, mission, and discipleship within the context of FPC.

Brian serves as our **Associate Pastor of Missional Discipleship**, which includes Evangelism and Outreach Ministries.

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Claire and Brian this Sunday, June 6, beginning at 12:00noon in the Parlor.