

## Ministry News

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER@1ST CAMPS

Summer@1st camps provide children 3 months–rising K5 with worship, free play, crafts, music, Bible lessons, snacks, and more. Week-long camps will begin **June 22** and continue through **July 31** (no camp July 3). We are optimistic that we will be able to run camp as normal, with new procedures in place for additional protection. Space is limited! Register online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). Contact Beth Plyler with any questions ([bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### NEW DATES FOR VBS & DAY MISSIONS

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of COVID-19 and for the safety of our children and adults, we have postponed VBS and Day Missions 2020 to the week of **Monday–Thursday, July 20–23**. Please save these dates, but note that they are *tentative*, subject to change in compliance with government restrictions. Watch for future updates.

*Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### LIFE CONNECTIONS SERIES: MEET OUR LEADERS

Over the next several weeks, we will highlight leaders of some of our discipleship groups. This week we are delighted to introduce **John Millener**, president of the Gospel Partners Sunday Life Group. "Although raised as an 'Army brat,' I've lived in the Greenville area since 1980, have been a member of First Pres for 15 years, and was previously an elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian in Mauldin. I've had the honor of being a Sunday School teacher for youth and adults at multiple churches since I was a young adult. I'm a University of Tennessee MBA grad and have worked for several major corporations, including Navy Federal Credit Union, Fluor, and Aimco. My wife Rosie and I have seven wonderful children and seven grandchildren.

The Gospel Partners class has grown from four or five couples to 80 members, thanks largely to our extraordinary teacher, Tom Preston. Tom is a long-time student of the Bible, and he and his wife Brenda have ministered in over 50 countries through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Executive Ministries. Our lessons are always Scripture-based, avoiding popular and political topics. I've never imagined that a group as large as our class could be as close and caring as Gospel Partners.

Currently our class Zooms on Sunday mornings at our normal Sunday School time; we start at 9:30am to share announcements, personal news, prayers, and COVID-19 lifestyle discoveries/experiences, and then begin our lesson around 9:50am. To help acclimate to Zoom and the whole COVID-19 world, we also met on Wednesday evenings during the month of April.

How can you get involved? We'd love for you to join our class one Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about Gospel Partners, contact Toni Childers (430.5767, [tonicc64@att.net](mailto:tonicc64@att.net)) or me (201.4556, [jmillener@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmillener@bellsouth.net)). Hope to see you online very soon!"

*Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### VIALBE PLAY STREAMING SUPPORTS LIFE

In June 2019, Pastor Gibbons wrote: "[The play *Viable*] handled a controversial and sensitive issue with grace, doing so through a cast who were so gifted; the audience found them to be believable and accessible each time a new level of emotional interaction was reached."

The pro-life play *Viable* has grown from its world premiere 11 months ago in Harper Chapel to now streaming worldwide on the Salem Broadcasting Network. The streaming of *Viable* is a virtual fundraising event for the *National Right to Life Committee* and all of its state affiliates, including *South Carolina Citizens for Life*, whose president is our own Lisa Van Riper. You can support *National Right to Life* and *South Carolina Citizens for Life* by visiting [WatchSalemMedia.com/Viable](http://WatchSalemMedia.com/Viable) and viewing the presentation.

*Missions, Brian Stewart*

### INTERVIEW WITH DR. THARWAT WAHBA

For several years now, First Pres has had a growing and multifaceted relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Egypt. As you may know, Dr. Gibbons has led two continuing education events for Egyptian pastors in Alexandria. We enjoy sister church relationships with a pair of congregations on the north side of Cairo, and have supported the construction of the Martha Roy Center for Multi-media and Worship at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo.

Professor Tharwat Wahba is the seminary's instructor for missions and evangelism, and serves the Synod of the Nile as the coordinator of their church planting and outreach ministries. Tharwat is our host when teams from our church visit Egypt, and he has visited and spoken at FPC several times. Listen to an encouraging interview with Dr. Wahba at <https://vimeo.com/388563907>.

*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](http://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](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org), 672.7036).

### APPLYING GOD'S TRUTH TO YOUR FINANCES

From "20 Ways to Apply God's Truth to Your Financial Crisis" (ChristianStewardshipNetwork.com/blog):

#### 13. Involve your children. Proverbs 22:6

Explain and teach your children, at an age-appropriate level, about God's Word and about activities you will do as a family during this time (sacrifice, no-cost family time, etc.)

#### 14. Be honest and humble in dealing with creditors. Proverbs 3:27-28, 1 Peter 5:6

It is tempting to "cheat on your taxes" or not give money owed to someone when you have it, simply because you are anxious or fearful. *But it is always the right time to do the right thing.* Do not avoid creditors, but call them and be honest about your situation.

#### 15. Trust in God's promises. Psalm 28:7, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 15:13, Hebrews 13:8

John Piper once said, "You must cultivate and preserve a confidence in God when you are not in a crisis. If you wait until a crisis comes, then you won't have the resources or the depth necessary to maintain our faith well." If your faith has no depth, you will struggle and want to rely on your own understanding and power. Focus on growing in this area each and every day.

#### 16. Praise God in the storm. Psalm 9:9, Psalm 22:3, Psalm 59:16, Psalm 107:13

It's easy to praise God when things are going well. Choosing to worship God through a crisis can be a challenge, but the truth is that God is also present in our pain, our suffering, and our times of darkness. When you praise God, you acknowledge that He is sovereign, faithful, and merciful. Praise gets our focus off ourselves and back on to God. It also invites His presence as He dwells close to us when we praise Him.

*Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan*

### MOVING FORWARD

As we move into the summer months, we are working with FPC's advisory team on plans to reopen group meetings. This is highly tentative and can change at a moment's notice, but please know we are desperately working toward a safe solution for getting our students back together for much-needed fellowship. Our hope is that the fall will bring a full reboot of all programming and some extra events and retreats to make up for this time we've had to be apart. As we proceed, we will continue to be transparent in our plans and welcome feedback from students and parents.

## Announcements

### WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP!

**Services this Sunday will be at 9:30am (Ignite) and 11:00am.** We deeply appreciate your prayers and patience as we continue to observe strict social distancing protocols, requiring congregants to wear a mask and pass through a brief screening process before entering the church facilities. Please carefully read and follow the guidelines at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (*Reopening Guidelines* icon).

### WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAMING

View our Worship Services on **Sunday mornings** at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) on the *Live Streaming* page, Facebook, YouTube, FPC Live mobile app, and Roku. **Live streaming times:**

- **Ignite Worship**—9:30am
- **Traditional Worship**—11:00am  
(no 8:00am service)

### WORSHIP SERVICE TV BROADCAST ON FOX

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

### THE VINEYARD BOOKSTORE IS OPEN!

**Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm**

For graduation, Father's Day, and everyday gifts, come to the First Pres Vineyard bookstore, where you'll find a wide variety of Christian gifts. A Vineyard gift certificate is always a great idea, too. Contact Stacey at 672.1846 with questions. She is happy to meet you for an appointment as well.

## Member News

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*  
**Mr. and Mrs. Rick Knight (Pam)** in the death of her father, Bruce Reeves of Greenville, on May 25.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Ro Knight (Landrum)** in the death of his grandfather, Bruce Reeves of Greenville, on May 25, and to **Mack Knight** and **Henry Knight** in the death of their great-grandfather.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reeves (Ginny)** in the death of his father, Bruce Reeves of Greenville, on May 25, and to **Marion Reeves** and **Wes Reeves** in the death of their grandfather.  
**Dr. and Mrs. Mike Thomason (Holly)** in the death of her mother, Sue McGinty Newberry of Columbus, GA, on May 31, and to **Brooke Thomason** and **Justin Thomason** in the death of their grandmother.

## Memorials & Honors

### AGAPE CLASS FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Steve Steiner** by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

*In honor of*

**The Children's Ministry** by Davis and Libby Barron

### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Sarah Walker** by Mrs. Janice Dickenson

### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Macy Turner** by Mrs. Anne Lybrand

## Calendar for the Week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*  
*Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for worship services.*  
**9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)**  
**11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

*Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*

## Looking Ahead

Please watch for updates on our website, [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org), emails, & Facebook posts.

### Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

9:30am IGNITE Worship

11:00am Worship  
in the Sanctuary

SERIES: "Encountering the Power  
of the Holy Spirit"

"DISCOVERING AND DEVELOPING  
YOUR GIFTS"

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### Worship Service Streaming

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

at FirstPresGreenville.org  
(Live Streaming page)

Ignite Worship—9:30am

Traditional Worship—11:00am (no 8:00am)

You can also watch on  
Facebook, YouTube,  
FPC Live mobile app, and Roku.

### Prayer & Pastoral Care

#### The Power of Encouragement

When was the last time someone really encouraged you? Maybe it was a family member or friend. How did it make you feel? How did you view yourself afterwards? If you haven't been encouraged in a while, how greatly do you long for it?

Encouragement is powerful! It has the ability to change emotions and trajectories. It has the power to fill someone with courage and boldness to say "Yes" to the plans and heart of God. Encouragement is truly a gift we've been given for edifying each other.

We are meant to encourage one another. The Bible makes it clear that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are meant to both give and receive encouragement. Hebrews 10:23-25 says,

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

*Lord, thank You for the gift of encouragement. Help us to both give and receive encouragement as we stir up one another to love and good works, and say "Yes!" to Your plans. 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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@firstpresgreenville.org)

Joyce Alexander, Julie Birello, Susan Buser, Luke Chapman, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, *Diane Cobb*, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Joyce Galloway, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, **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, **Terri James**, Sandra Lamb, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Ian Millar, Sarah Millener, Lee Moseley, *George Murdaugh*, Jim Nabors, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Fritz Orr III, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Billie Schiera, Mary G. Seiley, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Jerry Steeves, **Libby Stewart**, **Bob Strait**, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Nina Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, Don Youatt, 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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#### TELEVISION

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

#### ONLINE GIVING



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For more information about  
the ministry of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

## ECO Leadership Event ❖ Monday, June 22 ❖ Fellowship Hall

Do you feel that God may be calling you to explore **pastoral ordination** or, if you are an elder or deacon, **commissioning as a lay pastor**?

Join us on **Monday, June 22, 12:00-2:00pm**, when First Pres will host an event for those interested in learning more about the new ECO Leadership Initiatives that were introduced at our National Gathering in Dallas. We encourage you to take advantage of meeting with some of our national staff.

*Social distancing will be observed.*

12:00-12:30pm **Box lunch** (\$5, RSVP by June 15  
to Autumn Clark, [aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org))

12:30-1:00pm **Dr. Dana Allin: New ECO Leadership Initiatives**

1:00-2:00pm **Breakout session #1**

**Dr. Dana Allin: Commissioned Lay Pastor Tracks 1 & 2**

**Breakout session #2**

**Rev. Kendra Norton: Pastoral Ordination**



**Rev. Dr. Dana Allin**, Synod Executive for ECO, formerly served as the President of the board of ECO and as the pastor of churches in Florida and California. He received his MDiv and DMin degrees from Fuller Seminary, and is an Associate Certified Coach with the International Coach Federation. Dana's passion to encourage and inspire leaders has led him to develop both the Missional Leader Training program and the Coach Certification Process. He lives in Santa Barbara, CA, with his wife, Beth, and their three children, Micah, Peyton, and Piper.



**Rev. Kendra Norton** received her BA in Philosophy and Psychology from Hope College and her MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She served two years in an inner-city church in Greece, and then as the Pastoral Resident at First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, NC, before joining the ECO Synod staff. Kendra is passionate about replicating disciples and loves lacing up her sneakers for a run, enjoying a cup coffee with a friend, and spending time with her husband, Tim.

#### For more information

about this event: Rev. Brian Stewart ❖ [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org)

about ECO's Commissioned Lay Pastor training/Seminary education/Pastoral Ordination process: [ECO-Pres.org/resources/](http://ECO-Pres.org/resources/)

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# OUR 2020 GRADUATES

*Congratulations to the following graduates  
from our high schools.*



## CHITTENANGO HIGH SCHOOL (NY)

Allyson Margaret Woodruff

## CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Kate Faris

Thomas Ashe Moser

Charles Sagedy

Ania Margarita Sippl

## EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Cole Barrett

George Cameron Dixon

Wilson Parks Sadler

Alex Shirley

Sam Wingard

## GREENVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Virginia Kate Arrowood

Parker Burnett

Walker Burns

Madelyn Combs

Hampton Culler

Isabella Hall

Ryan Thomas Hill

Ellie Hungerford

Garrison Vermont McMillan

Christian Newman

Hudson Riddle

Lucy Smith

Margaret Elizabeth  
Weissenburger

Elizabeth Williams

Jack Wright

## J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL

John Etheridge

Denison Harmon Jones

Emerson Mitchell

## MAULDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Taylor Christian Chapman

Kennedy Laura Madden

Grayson Robinson  
*with honors*

Whitt Robinson

## RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Madison Kay Bean

## SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

John Bennett August  
*with honors*

Matthew Chandler

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Witt Clary

Thomas Spencer Marchant

Joshua Masters

## TRAVELERS REST HIGH SCHOOL

Rebekah Carolyn Payne  
*with high honors*

## WADE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Bethany Kathryn Brown

Manuel Yanez

# OUR 2020 GRADUATES

*Congratulations to the following graduates from our colleges, universities, seminaries, and graduate schools.*



## BEACON COLLEGE

Austin Williams  
*B.A. Business Administration*

## CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Adam Robert Dillard  
*B.S. Biological Sciences*

Ryan Stephen Dillard  
*B.S. Biological Sciences*

Morgan Darst Guest  
*B.S. Nutrition*

Mary Grace Mack  
*B.A. Early Childhood  
Education, minor in Psychology*

Charles Wilson Nickles  
*B.S. Industrial Engineering*

Cole Robinson  
*Master of Architecture,  
AIA COTE Top 10 Student  
Award*

Matthew Stewart  
(DECEMBER 2019)  
*B.S. Packaging Science*

Matthew Warren Tinsley  
*B.S. Economics,  
minor in Nonprofit Leadership,  
cum laude*

Caroline Miller Trembly  
*B.S. Marketing, minor in  
Brand Communications*

## COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Sarah Katherine Short  
*M.A. Teaching (Elementary  
Education)*

Pierce Thomason  
*B.A. Historic Preservation*

## FURMAN UNIVERSITY

Thomas Gordon Sanders  
*B.S. Biology,  
magna cum laude*

## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Shaunagh M. Browning  
*Doctorate in Nursing Practice*

## GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Rev. Claire Manning Ripley  
*Doctor of Ministry*

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Matthew Roberts  
*Doctor of Medicine*

Hannah Smith  
*Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia  
Practice*

Elizabeth B. West  
*Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Baxter Timmons Williams  
*Doctor of Medicine*

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Rebekah Martin  
*B.S. Early Childhood Education,  
minor in Music*

## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Evan Matthew Rider  
*B.B.A. Risk Management and  
Insurance*

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Andrew James  
*B.S. Biological Sciences,  
SC Honors College,  
summa cum laude*

GraceAnne Stokes  
*B.A. Global Studies & Spanish,  
Leadership Distinction in Global  
Learning,  
SC Honors College,  
summa cum laude*

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW

Lillian Carlisle Brice  
*Juris doctorate*

## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Haley Pruitt  
*M.A. Speech Pathology*

## VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Jackson Scott Kabas  
*B.S. Economics, minor in  
Business and Finance*

## WOFFORD COLLEGE

Charlie Pruitt  
*B.A. History, minor in Math*