

# THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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## Ministry News

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### CALLED TO SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

Who will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, His wonders, and His love? The psalmist says we will tell them so that the next generation will know and they in turn will tell their children. *Then they will put their trust in God* (Psalm 78:4-7).

Has the Lord called you to serve in Children's Ministry? Teaching? Assisting? Loving the littlest ones? Serving behind the scenes? However you've been gifted, we would love to place you in our ministry so all the children will know of the "praiseworthy deeds of the Lord"!

For a list of volunteer opportunities in Children's Ministry, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org), Children's Ministry page (*CM Volunteer Team Position Descriptions*). Questions? Contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) or 672.7031.

### 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 DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! VBS is now scheduled for the week of **Monday–Thursday, July 20–23**. Watch for future updates.

### PEN PALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Over the past few weeks, the First Pres elementary children have been mailing *Thinking of You* cards to the homebound. To our surprise, many of the recipients were so moved by the cards that they sent the children *Thank You* cards and letters! This sparked the idea of "Pen Pals for the Homebound." If you would like to be a Pen Pal partnered with one (or more) of the our homebound members, please contact Karen King ([kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) or call/text 864.884.9824).

*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](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)) to include information in future *GrapeVine* newsletters.

#### SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

COVENANT • Larry Bloomer: [larryb3008@att.net](mailto:larryb3008@att.net)

FLOCK • Tom Angermeier: [tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com](mailto:tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com)

FOUNDATIONS • Adam Bach: [adamcbach@yahoo.com](mailto:adamcbach@yahoo.com)

THE GATHERING • Lee and Margaret Dixon: [ldixon23@aol.com](mailto:ldixon23@aol.com); [mdixon21@charter.net](mailto:mdixon21@charter.net)

GOSPEL PARTNERS • John Millener: [jmillener@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmillener@bellsouth.net)

GRACE • Scott Holiday: [jshnet2yahoo.com](mailto:jshnet2yahoo.com)

JOURNEY • Paul Halphen: [phalphe@gmail.com](mailto:phalphe@gmail.com)

NEXT STEPS • Karen Van Galder: [vangalderkaren@gmail.com](mailto:vangalderkaren@gmail.com)

R.N. WARD • Dawn Stewart: [dawnstewart@mindspring.com](mailto:dawnstewart@mindspring.com)

S.A.L.T. • Jessica Goodwin: [jycg2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jycg2006@yahoo.com)

THE WAY • Clay Brown: [claypbrown@gmail.com](mailto:claypbrown@gmail.com)

#### MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES (MCs)

AUGUSTA STREET MC • Thursday nights

Eric Swofford: [swofford4@gmail.com](mailto:swofford4@gmail.com)

CRESCENT AVENUE MC • Tuesday nights

Mollie Murphy: [mollielmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:mollielmurphy@gmail.com)

CHANTICLEER/AUGUSTA ROAD MC •  
Sunday evenings  
Nicole Swiger: [nicoleseiler@hotmail.com](mailto:nicoleseiler@hotmail.com)

#### OTHER LIFE GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP, & BREAKFAST •  
Thursday mornings

Ron Kennett: [kennetts4usc@gmail.com](mailto:kennetts4usc@gmail.com)

FLOCK MEN • Tuesday evenings

Mike Thomason: [bhjm4@aol.com](mailto:bhjm4@aol.com)

*Marriage 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. Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday nights beginning August 19, 5:55–7:30pm. Cost is \$50 per couple. Childcare birth–5th grade is available. Online registration begins June 15 ([firstpresgreenville.org](http://firstpresgreenville.org)). For more information, contact Charlotte Joye (672.0309, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.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](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):

##### 17. Acknowledge God's sovereignty. Job 42:2,

Luke 8:25, Matthew 10:29, Acts 4:27–28

Nature is not sovereign. Neither is Satan, Man, or a virus. God rules them all. Only He is sovereign. Knowing this truth, we can say with Job, "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."

##### 18. Focus on the eternal, not the temporary. John 6:27, John 16:25–33, Colossians 3:1–2

When you are focused on the eternal, you are focused on the unchanging character of God. You are storing up treasures in Heaven. You are focused on the Bread of Life. All else is fleeting and fails. This may mean limiting your exposure to social media and TV, which increases anxiety and worry, and increasing your time in the Bible.

##### 19. Pray. Psalm 65:2, Psalm 66:19, Romans 12:12, Hebrews 13:21

God's Word calls us to pray. Jesus prayed regularly. Prayer is saying that apart from Christ you can do nothing. Prayer keeps us humble before God and expresses faith in God's power. God uses prayer to equip us, change our hearts, and draw us closer to Him. Prayer reminds us that confidence in God trumps fear, thankfulness trumps selfishness, and understanding His love for us unleashes our love for others.

##### 20. Find rest in Jesus. Psalm 23:1–2, John 10:27

Everyone needs rest, but stress, anxiety, and fear due to financial uncertainty exhaust us and rob us of our peace. The world can never deliver the rest our souls long for, yet we can still have hope. God invites us to rest through His Son, Jesus Christ. When the Lord is our shepherd, He leads us to the places we need to go for the restoration of our souls. In Him lies true rest.

## 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).

In response to last week's email asking if congregants wished to restart the 8:00am service with COVID-19 restrictions in effect, 34 responded "YES." Since each worship service requires a significant number of volunteers, the number requesting an 8:00am service is not sufficient to resume that service at this point. We do plan to return to our 8:30am, 10:45am, and 11:00am service schedule, along with Sunday School and Sunday Life Groups, later this summer. We will update you as plans develop. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

### 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.

### ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A PASTOR OR LAY PASTOR?

Is God calling you to explore pastoral ordination or, if you are an elder or deacon, commissioning as a lay pastor? On **Monday, June 22, 12:00–2:00pm**, our church will host a presentation on the new ECO Leadership Initiatives, with featured speakers Dr. Dana Allin and Rev. Kendra Norton. If you would like a box lunch (\$5), RSVP to Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)) by **June 15**. Questions? Contact Pastor Brian Stewart at [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

## Member News

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**The family of Lucia Bruels.** Mrs. Bruels died on June 1.

**Mr. and Mrs. Rip Parks (Edith)** in the death of his sister, Billie Schiera, on June 4.

**Mr. and Mrs. Josh Skinner (Megan)** in the death of his mother, Billie Schiera, on June 4.

**The family of Joyce Kuster Galloway.** Mrs. Galloway died on June 6.

**Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stephens (Loretta)** in the death of his father, Harold Dean "Bud" Stephens of Greenville, on June 6, and to Brad and Clay Stephens in the death of their grandfather.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Lucia Bruels**

March 16, 1936 – June 1, 2020

**Dr. Billie Parks Skinner Schiera**

September 1, 1951 – June 4, 2020

## Calendar for the Week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

*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 15

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

*Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

*Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)*

## Looking Ahead

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

### Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

9:30am IGNITE Worship

11:00am Worship  
in the Sanctuary

SERIES: "Encountering the Power  
of the Holy Spirit"

"THE FILLING OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Ephesians 5:8-21

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 – Part 2

Have you ever thought about how you could change the day of a complete stranger just with a few kind words? Jesus knew the power of encouragement and loved to use it to direct his disciples into the life God intended for them. He encouraged the outcasts, the downhearted, the needy. A perfect example of the power of encouragement is found in the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Zacchaeus, who got his income through overtaxing his own people for the benefit of Rome and himself, was cast out from society and hated by those around him. Jesus, to the dismay of those around Him, encouraged Zacchaeus, spent time with him, and changed the trajectory of his life.

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

When Jesus told Zacchaeus that he wanted to spend time with him and followed through with that commitment, the entire town was blessed.

*Help us, Lord, to encourage and spend time with those around us, especially the hurting and lonely. Give us grace to minister as You did, with kind, loving words and deeds. 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, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, **Tom Green**, 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**, **Rami Kozally**, Sandra Lamb, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, *Roberta Maddox*, Bill Marks, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Ian Millar, Sarah Millener, **Kristen Mixon**, 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, Mary G. Seiley, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, 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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### WHAT'S INSIDE

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Family on Missions Month!

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July 20-23

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June 22

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June 22–July 31

Staying Connected While We Wait

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

## Day Missions Week becomes Family on Missions Month!

Instead of Day Missions Week  
in June, we now have plans for  
a MONTH of creative serving  
during July!

Demonstrate to our  
children what it means to

SERVE OTHERS  
WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

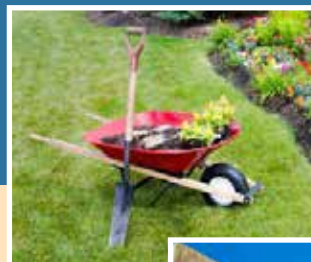
We are seeking families who are willing to do  
yard work, paint a fence, provide meals, run errands, etc.,  
for some of our own FPC homebound residents, widows,  
and elderly that we serve through **Compassion Connection**  
during the month of July.

Serving one time or multiple times (commitment is totally  
up to you), your family would provide the labor and possibly  
prayers for a person or family who needs a little assistance.



While Day Missions is normally for 5th–12th graders, this year is different.  
Families may go as a group and even consider bringing cousins or meeting another family to serve together.

To serve or suggest a recipient, contact Karen King ♥ [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) ♥ call/text 864.884.9824



THEY WILL KNOW  
WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
BY OUR LOVE



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