

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JULY IS FAMILY ON MISSIONS MONTH!

Instead of Day Missions Week for grades 5-12 in June, we will host a month of creative family serving during July! 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*.

Families may go as a group and even consider bringing cousins or meeting another family to serve together. 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.

To serve or suggest a recipient, contact Karen King (email kking@firstpresgreenville.org or call/text 864.884.9824).

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 plan to run camp as normal, with new procedures in place for additional protection. Space is limited! Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org. Contact Beth Plyler with any questions (bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org).

BACKYARD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 20-23

This summer we will have “Backyard VBS” **July 20-23**, not at our church, but in your home or backyard. You will pick up VBS supplies the week before in a drive-through at church. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends to join you! Watch for more information in upcoming *GrapeVines*.

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 or call/text 864.884.9824).

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, Children's Ministry page (*CM Volunteer Team Position Descriptions*). *Questions?* Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.7031.

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

COVENANT • Larry Bloomer: larryb3008@att.net
FLOCK • Tom Angermeier:
tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com
FOUNDATIONS • Adam Bach:
adambach@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: mollielmurphy@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

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 begins **Wednesday evening, August 19**, 5:55–7:30pm. Cost is \$50 per couple. Children's programming (birth–5th grade) is available. Register online now at FirstPresGreenville.org. For more information, contact Charlotte Joye (672.0309, 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 (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).

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Words cannot express how proud we are of our high school graduates. Through challenges and triumphs, this class has shown their true leadership will be dearly missed. Although times prevent us from the special events we had planned, we have created a video honoring our seniors. To view it, go to the First Pres Greenville Facebook page or visit FPC_roots on instagram.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

UPCOMING TEA FOR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

When we are able, the Cup of Caring Tea Ministry plans to host a tea for military spouses and family members. While we wait, we would like to update our invitation list. If you are the spouse, mother, or other close relative of active duty or National Guard personnel, please send your name and contact information to Heather Swofford (hbhg316@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing time together!

Announcements

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP!

Services this Sunday will be at 9:30am (Ignite) and 11:00am. We 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 (*Reopening Guidelines* icon).

We 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.

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAMING

View our Worship Services on **Sunday mornings**

at 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*)

WORSHIP SERVICE TV BROADCAST ON FOX

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

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY JUNE 28

Be sure to join us in the Sanctuary or online for our annual Patriotic services on **Sunday, June 28**.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A PASTOR OR 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. *Questions?* Contact Pastor Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY:

DEMOLITION BEGINS JUNE 22

Demolition of the Symmes-Wilson building is scheduled to begin **Monday, June 22**. A time-lapse camera has been installed to capture the entire construction project, and you can watch the demolition and construction by visiting the capital campaign website, FPCTransformingtheHeart.city. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and your generous gifts to spiritually transform our city.

Member News

BAPTISMS (June 14, 2020)

Peyton Elizabeth Niedrach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Chase Niedrach (Emily)

Gregory Scott Sanders Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Sanders Sr. (Erin)

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffrey Hildebran (Lauren)** on the birth of a daughter, Davis Louise Hildebran, on June 7.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Rich Bradshaw (Stacey)** in the death of her father, James Clark of Long Beach, CA, on May 25.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Robert T. Barrett by Kirk & Margarette Carter

Evan Preston by Barbara Harris

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Billie Schiera by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; Mr.

and Mrs. William B. Sykes

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Macy Turner by Rhonda Fink

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Martha Beth Sturgis by Jo and Norman Pulliam

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

12:00pm • ECO Leadership Event (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

1:00pm • Blood Drive (Washington Street Lot)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Looking Ahead

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

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

9:30am IGNITE Worship

11:00am Worship
in the Sanctuary

“THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS
FOR WITNESS”

Acts 1:1-8

Rev. Dr. Dana Allin, guest preacher
ECO Executive Director

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 3

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.

You can live like Jesus today. Who needs an encouraging word from you? Who needs to be encouraged by knowing you simply want to spend some time with them? There's grace in your life to minister to the hurting and lonely around you. There's grace to minister like Jesus. Walk in relationship with your heavenly Father, live with the knowledge that you are fully loved, and love others through the power of encouragement.

1. **Take some time to meditate on what the Bible says about encouragement.** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thes. 5:11; Eph. 4:29; Prov. 12:25).
2. **Ask the Lord whom He would have you encourage today.** Maybe it's a co-worker who has seemed down lately, a family member going through a hard time, or even a stranger who seems to need a kind word.
3. **Ask God how He would have you encourage that person.** It could be as simple as sending a text message or taking someone out for a meal. Maybe it's a few kind words or help financially. Ask the Spirit to help you follow His leadership.

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

Betty Chandler, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, **Deborah Clyde**, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Tom Green, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, Jim Hastings, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Terri James, **Rami Kozaily**, Sandra Lamb, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Kristen Mixon, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, **Sandra Nix**, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, **Jane Petrilli**, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, **Roy Seaver**, Mary G. Seiley, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Libby Stewart, **Bob Strait**, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, 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

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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Backyard VBS July 20-23

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

June 21–27, 2020



**THE BLOOD
CONNECTION**
Your Community Blood Center

Blood Drive

First Pres | Washington Street Lot

Wednesday, June 24 | 1:00–6:00pm

All donors will receive a \$20 VISA card!

Now offering COVID-19 Antibody Testing with every blood donation.*

*This is not COVID-19 diagnostic testing. Positive test results do not confirm infection or immunity.

Appointment
required



Scan to make
an appointment!



donate.thebloodconnection.org

THE GRAPEVINE

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