

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JULY IS FAMILY ON MISSIONS MONTH!

Join us for 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).

GOD'S BIG BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP MATERIALS

This summer we will have "Backyard VBS" **July 20-24**, not at our church, but in your home or backyard. You will pick up needed supplies in a fun, drive-through on **Tuesday, July 14**, 10:00am–12:00pm in the church parking lot. This version of VBS provides a great outreach opportunity for families to invite a cousin or friend to their backyard to join in!



If you'd like a T-shirt for your participant, you must register by **June 29**. We'd love families to upload photos of their backyard crew wearing the T-shirts to our social media that week. We will keep registration open through **July 9** for those who cannot register earlier. Let's turn the lemons of COVID 19 into lemonade by holding Vacation Bible School in our neighborhoods! **Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.**

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 565.0921.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

STAYING CONNECTED WHILE WE WAIT

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
Colossians 3:16

Is your group connecting online during this season of COVID-19? Many Life Groups and Missional Communities are meeting virtually this summer. If you would like to join a group, please email contactus@firstpresgreenville.org, and we'll be glad to help you get connected! Or, if you'd prefer, you can contact a leader directly:

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

COVENANT • Larry Bloomer:
larryb3008@att.net

FLOCK • Tom Angermeier:
tangermeier@blueridgelogcabins.com

FOUNDATIONS • Adam Bach:
adamcbach@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

NORTH MAIN 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 (565.0956, cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

GASCC THANK YOU!

The 2020 Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina was a huge success! The event raised over \$15,000 for the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall serving with SEND North. Thank you for your continued support.

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, 565.0929).

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!

Looking Ahead

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

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.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY: DEMOLITION BEGAN JUNE 22

Demolition of the Symmes-Wilson building began **Monday, June 22**. A time-lapse camera is capturing the entire project; watch the demolition and construction by visiting the capital campaign website, FPCTransformingtheHeart.city. Also on this site are artist renderings of the new spaces (PURPOSE tab). Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and your generous gifts to spiritually transform our city.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE (June 23, 2020)

General Operations

for eleven months ended 05/31/2020

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$5,853,625	\$5,911,702
Expenses	<u>\$5,321,932</u>	<u>\$5,869,742</u>
Net income	\$ 531,693	\$ 41,960

Capital Campaign

Transforming the Heart of the City

Total contributions received \$ 8,716,671

Total pledges + unpledged giving \$18,097,671

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND

In loving memory of

Sarah Walker by Ms. Clara Shive

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Evan Preston by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Billie Schiera by Ms. Annemarie DeFronzo;

Ms. Joanna Stone; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Billie Schiera by Ms. Jayne Gimber; Ms. Cathy

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Calendar for the Week

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Church Office and Summer@1st closed: July 4 holiday

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Sunday Worship

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY
JUNE 28, 2020

9:30am IGNITE Worship
11:00am Worship
in the Sanctuary

“IN LIBERATING STRIFE”

Romans 5:1-5

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

Connected to the Vine – part 1

A branch disconnected from a fruit tree cannot produce good fruit. Neither can you and I do good works apart from continual abiding in the love, grace, and presence of our heavenly Father. Remember to take the time to rest and receive the nutrients we can only get from abiding in the Vine. Jesus teaches in John 15:1-5:

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

God's heart is for us to abide in Him all day, every day. How incredible is that? Connect yourself to the wonderful Vine of Jesus today.

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

565.0970

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, **Larry Goodwin**, 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, **John Loft**, **Pat Loft**, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, **Sara Millener**, Kristin Mixon, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Sandra Nix, **Chloris Norman**, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, **Libba Phillips**, **Myra Phillips**, 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: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



June 28–July 4, 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

Celebration of Freedom
Patriotic Services June 28

July Is *Family on Missions* Month!

Backyard VBS July 20-23

Summer@1st Summer Camps
June 22–July 31

Upcoming *Cup of Caring* Tea
for Military Family Members

Staying Connected While We Wait

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

June 28–July 4, 2020



SUNDAY ✦ JUNE 28

Come to our

PATRIOTIC
Celebration of Freedom
SERVICES

9:30am Ignite ✦ *Sanctuary*
11:00am ✦ *Sanctuary*

Patriotic hymns ✦ National Anthem
Brass Quintet ✦ Boy Scout Color Guard
Sermon by Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Prayers for the Nation

*Note: We continue to observe strict social distancing.
Visit FirstPresGreenville.org to review Reopening Guidelines.*

