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## Ministry News

*Audio/Video/Lighting Ministry, Grady Burdette*

### VOLUNTEER WITH THE AVL MINISTRY

The Audio/Video/Lighting Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in our Ignite and Traditional services as camera, sound, and slide operator volunteers. Don't worry if you don't have any experience—we will teach you everything you need to know. Visit us at the sound booths at the back of the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall following a worship service, or contact Evan Tripp (864.640.9712, [etripp@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:etripp@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Grady Burdette (803.671.1238, [gburdette@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:gburdette@firstpresgreenville.org)) with questions or for more information.

Also join us on **Sunday, July 18**, following the 10:45am Ignite and 11:00am Worship services for our *Media Play Day*—an opportunity to try out our media equipment and meet the AVL Team.

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS: BUILDING A FOUNDATION ON JESUS

Last week's VBS was incredible, and all the glory goes to God! Over 170 rising K5-4th grade children came to learn about building a solid foundation on Jesus Christ. Huge thanks go to VBS leader Lee Segrest and to all of the volunteers, staff, and donors who made *Concrete & Cranes* possible. Watch our VBS highlights video at <https://vimeo.com/firstpresgreenville>.

Our VBS offering this year was donated to Joni and Friends' "Wheels for the World" program, which provides wheelchairs for disabled children and people around the world. Again we saw God's hand: we were hoping to raise enough money to buy one wheelchair; instead we were able to buy seven!

### DAY MISSIONS: TELL WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

Last week through Day Missions, many witnessed what the Lord has done. Our 75 students and 25 adults helped deliver over 330 "Hero Blessing" gifts to First Responders and over 160 "necessity bags" to the residents of Greenville Summit and Gandy Allmon; did yardwork for the homebound; packed hundreds of food pantry bags for homeless folks; picked up trash in downtown Greenville; distributed bottles of cold water; offered prayers for those with special requests; and more. God revealed Himself in a beautiful way through all who served, donated items, and prayed. *Thank You* for making a difference in the lives of others!



*College & Young Adult Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### COLLEGE MINISTRY KICKOFF: THE TABLE

Help kick off the college ministry! All college students are invited to the Sturgis home (209 Wilmington Road, 29615) on **Thursday, July 1**, 7:30–9:00pm for dinner and discussion on the Holy Spirit. Join us at *The Table* **every other Thursday, July 1, 15, 29, and August 12**, for fellowship and discussion!

### THE GATHERING SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

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](mailto:mdixon21@charter.net), 864.678.0212).

*Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE SCHEDULE

Wednesday lunch and Pastor's Bible study have ended for the summer, and will resume in the fall.

### RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Re|engage, a 16-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples 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 kickoff 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. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) now through **August 6**. To find

out more, view the FPC Re|engage video at [vimeo.com/437214387](https://vimeo.com/437214387). Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (565.0956, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Men's Fellowship is a Thursday luncheon for men (retired or still working) who are interested in fellowship and growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Join us **Thursdays**, 12:00–1:20pm in the Formal Dining Room, for these July programs:

**July 1—Robert Crain:** "So, Martin [Luther], will three-penny nails do?"—The Reformation and the birth of the Protestant Church

**July 8—Jesse Williams:** My Story!

**July 15—Tina Jones, FPC Children's Director:** "Exciting Changes in the First Pres Children's Ministry"—A dialogue on the new building and new opportunities for the children of First Pres

**July 22 & 29—Lisa Van Riper, political science professor and FPC Elder:** "Contending for Our Faith in a Challenging Culture"—How to receive and react to Critical Race Theory

*Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDIES

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

• **Redeeming Love Study** is a retelling of God's amazing grace through the classic story found in Hosea. All women are invited to this study by Francine Rivers, led by Tina Jones. Join us **every other Thursday (July 1, 15, 29)**, 9:30–10:30am in Room 212. Questions? [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) or 565.0921).

• **Video Study of Exodus on Thursdays**—A video study of Exodus, by Tom Bradford of Torah Class, led by Kate Hellier meets **each Thursday**, 9:30–11:30am in Room 303/304. Join at any time! For details: [kthellier@bellsouth.net](mailto:kthellier@bellsouth.net) or 801.3189.

• **Saints and Scoundrels on Thursdays**—Join us for a book study of *Saints and Scoundrels*, by Nancy Guthrie, led by Nancy Caudel. This class will meet **each Wednesday through August 25**, 9:30–11:30am in Room 301/302, with a Zoom option available. Questions? Contact Nancy Caudel ([nancycaudel@att.net](mailto:nancycaudel@att.net), 286.1101).

## Member News

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and staff extend sympathy to*

**Mrs. Jennie Miler** in the death of her sister, Jimmie Ann McGee Collings of Spartanburg, on June 8.

**Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Griner (Laura)** in the death of her mother, Ann Elizabeth Pember Hull of Greenville, on June 23, and to **Luke and Beebe Griner** in the death of their grandmother.

**The family of Charlene Larsen.** Mrs. Larsen died on June 23.

**Mr. and Mrs. Barney Atkinson (Mary)** in the death of his mother, Jane Atkinson of Beckley, WV, on June 26; to **Mr. and Mrs. Todd Morrison (Kelli)** in the death of her grandmother; and to **Jake, Eli, Asa, and Lily-Reese Morrison** in the death of their great-grandmother.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Charlene Larsen**

*January 24, 1930 – June 23, 2021*

## Memorials & Honors

### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of*

**Russell Powell** by Jane Ames and Mary Jean Timmerman

### MISSIONS FUND

*In memory of*

**Allie Fish** by Mrs. Sylvia Evette

### MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of*

**Betsy Farnsworth** by the Agape Fellowship Class

### PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of*

**Jim Childs** by Mrs. Rebecca Dunlap

## ★ Prayer for the Nation ★

*by Col. Robert Browning, USMC (ret.);  
prayed in our June 27 worship services*

Almighty God, You have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember Your generosity and faithfully do Your will. Wrap Your arms around this country, and bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home.

Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled nation and world. May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people.

Lord, we pray for Your guidance to bring us together for the best interest of our communities, nation, and world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and help us, dear God, to understand that difficult times can make us stronger in the end, even though it may not be easy to see. One nation under God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Calendar for the Week

### INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY, JULY 4

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

*Please read COVID guidelines before coming on campus.*

**8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)**

• Children's Nursery & Programs (birth–age 3)

**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)**

### MONDAY, JULY 5

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

*Church Office closed: Independence Day holiday*

### TUESDAY, JULY 6

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

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

**9:30am • Women: Saints & Scoundrels (Rm 301, Zoom)**

### THURSDAY, JULY 8

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

**9:30am • Women: Exodus (Room 303)**

**12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: Robert Crain, Luther & the Reformation (Formal Dining Rm)**

### FRIDAY, JULY 9

*Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)*

**10:00am • Circle #9 (Off campus: Rolling Green)**

### SATURDAY, JULY 10

*Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)*

## Looking Ahead

July 11 Georgia Boy Choir sings in  
Worship services

July 18 Media Play Day



# This SUNDAY

## Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

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

**“FOR FREEDOM”**

**Galatians 5:1-17**

**Rev. Charlie Buchanan**

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

*Celebrate Freedom!*

## WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday meals & Pastor’s Bible Study  
have ended for the summer.*

Watch for announcements  
next month about our  
Fall Wednesday Advantage schedule.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@firstpresgreenville.org)

### PRAYER REQUEST LINES

**Congregational Care Director**

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

**Prayer Appointments:** 565.0960

**Prayer Requests:** 565.0970

## PRAYER List

June Anderson, Emma Barfield, Susan Black, **Jennie Branch**, Joy Clawson, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Greg Dobson, Gayle Duggan, Lori Driscoll, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Daisy Garrett, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Doug Kolbe, 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, Charles Scales III, Lori Sharp, Janice Shartle, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, *John Volpe*, Lysle Wiley, *Elizabeth “Liz” Williams*, Esther Wilson, John Woodham, Jan Zimmermann

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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  
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## Cancer Caring Ministry at First Pres

Our *Cancer Caring Ministry* is made up of cancer survivors who minister to those currently facing cancer.

If you are facing cancer, we want to walk alongside you in this journey. We can help you navigate some of the new and unfamiliar territory you may be facing with chemotherapy, radiation, or surgery.

**You are not alone; we are here for you.**

Let us share some hope,  
encouragement, support,  
and resources with you.



ARE YOU CURRENTLY  
BATTLING CANCER?

Contact  
Tammy Burkhalter with  
a confidential update  
on your health.

ARE YOU A  
CANCER SURVIVOR?

If God is calling you to serve  
in a leadership role for the  
Cancer Caring Ministry,  
contact Tammy Burkhalter  
to find out more.

Contact Tammy Burkhalter • Congregational Care Director • 565.0943

# THE GRAPEVINE

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