

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

GOD'S BIG BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP

If you did not sign up for Backyard Bible Camp, don't worry—you can still participate. Contact Evelyn Penkert (565.0963, epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org) to receive an email with a supply list and directions on how to access the videos. This home version of VBS provides a great outreach opportunity for families to invite a cousin or friend to their backyard to join in. Be sure to send us photos showing your family using the supplies to learn more about the Lord as you make lemonade out of the Covid-19 lemons!

FAMILY ON MISSIONS MONTH THANK YOU

THANK YOU for serving in *Family On Missions* month during July! Please don't forget to send photos of the ways God's love is being spread to so many folks in need; email photos to Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for being a blessing!

WHY DO I TEACH IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

Carl Evans, who volunteers with elementary-age children, shares his answer:

"Is it because I love the children? I do love them, but that's not the main reason. Do I get a warm, fuzzy feeling deep in my heart knowing I'm making a small difference in the lives of these children by introducing Jesus to their young minds? That's true, but not the main reason. Do I think this older, gray-haired man can set a good example as a loving, caring Christian? I hope that's true, both for the children and for other potential teachers, but that's not the main reason either.

"I teach because I love my Heavenly Father and want to please Him. I teach because Jesus, my Lord and Savior and the best role model in the world, immensely loved children. I teach because the Holy Spirit enables me and helps me teach—although I admit teaching was scary the first couple of times. And I teach because there is a great need for teachers in the Children's Ministry at my church—First Pres!"

Are you willing to serve in Children's Ministry? A variety of roles are available. Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) to discuss how you can get involved..

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

CONNECT WITH A LIFE GROUP

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

Marriage Ministry, Claire Ripley

REGISTER NOW FOR RE|ENGAGE

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).

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18-20

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, September 18-20**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC!

• Friday, September 18, 6:00–8:30pm:

Your Identity in Christ

• Saturday, September 19, 8:45am–12:00pm:

What We Believe

• Sunday, September 20, 3:00–5:30pm:

Join the Journey

Childcare is available upon request. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org. For details, contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

MIRACLE HILL MENTOR TRAINING

Is God calling you to make a difference in someone's life? Miracle Hill Ministries is offering a Mentor Training session for their men's and women's alcohol and addiction recovery programs. A mentor is a disciple partner who pledges to encourage a graduate from the program in their early recovery as they journey to rebuild their broken lives. This is a six-month commitment.

Men's Overcomers Program training: Saturday, August 1, 7:30–11:30am at the Overcomers Center (1916 North Pleasantburg Drive). To register or ask questions contact Jeffrey Huff (631.0088, jhuff@miraclehill.org) by **July 27**.

Women's Renewal Program training: Saturday, August 1, 8:00am–1:00pm at the Renewal Center, (19 Graves Avenue). To register, call Venus Dixon (630.0155, vdixon@miraclehill.org).

If you have questions about the training or what is involved in being a mentor, please contact Jean Nickell (jeannickell5@gmail.com, 420.0764).

Music & Worship Arts Ministry, Tom Barrett

SOUTHERN GOSPEL HOMECOMING

Invite your friends and join us on **Sunday, August 23**, for a *Southern Gospel Homecoming* at 3:00pm and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, featuring some of the Upstate's finest gospel singers and instrumentalists. You'll enjoy your favorite gospel hymns and songs! Reserve your FREE seat today at fpcgreenville.ticketleap.com/southern-gospel-homecoming. Questions? Contact Angela Barrett at abarrett@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0930.

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 (hbg316@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 will update you as plans develop to return to our 8:30am, 10:45am, and 11:00am worship schedule, along with Sunday School and Sunday Life Groups.

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

To view the ongoing demolition and construction, visit 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.

Member News

BAPTISM (July 12, 2020)

Claire Haddon Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Price Ellis (Brittany)

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dixon (Margaret)** in the death of his father, Albert King Dixon II of Laurens, SC, on July 6, and to Anna Massullo and Sarah Dixon in the death of their grandfather.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Joyce Kuster Galloway	Saturday, July 18, 2020
Service 1:00pm	<i>First Pres Sanctuary</i>
Visitation 2:00–4:00pm	<i>First Pres Parlor</i>

Memorials & Honors

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Billie Schiera by Mr. and Mrs. James Williams

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)
Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, JULY 20

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

Looking Ahead

August 19 *Re|engage Marriage Enrichment*

August 23 *Southern Gospel Homecoming*

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

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

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

Series:

“Rejoice: The message of Philippians”
“REJOICING IN CHRIST’S LOVE”

Philippians 1:1-11

Rev. Dr. Shelton Sanford

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

Loving Others – part 2

Jesus saw past the brokenness to the hearts of those around Him. He chose to love and minister to the core of the person rather than being intimidated by the symptoms of sin in those around Him.

He saw into the heart of the woman at the well in John 4 and ministered to her brokenness caused by failed marriages and sexual sin. He spoke to the core of the wealthy tax collector, Zacchaeus, in Luke 19, and loved him by spending time with him when no one else would.

If we are ever going to love others well, we have to devote ourselves to loving people at a heart level. We have to care for and speak to the core of their wounds rather than dismissing them for their external problems. Romans 15:1-5 says:

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on Me”...

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.

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 Susan Stewart, ssewart@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

June Anderson, Tammy Burkhalter, Pat Burns, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Betty Chandler, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Deborah Clyde, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, **Fred Dickerman**, 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, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Nancy McDaniel, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Kristin Mixon, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Sandra Nix, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Joe Palmer, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Roy Seaver, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Al Smith, Libby Stewart, *Bob Strait*, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Emory Turpin, **Charlene Vohs**, **John Vohs**, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New

Italics = In Hospital

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Assistant
Susan Stewart: 565.0966

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970

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

ONLINE GIVING



July 19–25, 2020

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

July 19–25 2020

July 19–August 9
REJOICE

the message of Philippians
a sermon series by *Rev. Dr. Shelton Sanford*

The last few months have been difficult for most of us. It is easy to get discouraged with all the bad news that we get almost daily. Some people have been isolated. Others are afraid and anxious.

We need some good news that will encourage us.

For the next four Sundays, we will be looking at selected passages from Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians. One of Paul’s purposes for writing this epistle was to encourage the members of the church at Philippi. The message is one of joy. He says to the Philippians and to us,

*Rejoice &
keep on rejoicing!*

Even though times are tough, we can have joy. Join us as we find many reasons to rejoice in the Lord through this series of sermons from Philippians.