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Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

A MISSION FIELD WITH OUR OWN CHILDREN Mission teams frequently hold a Vacation Bible School for the children they are visiting. This special encounter shares the gospel with children in a fun way while building relationships and caring for their needs. Did you know that there's a mission field with the children right here in our own church? Each Sunday there's an opportunity for sharing the gospel in a fun way while building relationships and caring for their needs. Contact Tina Jones at tjones@ firstpresgreenville.org to get on a serving team.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE SEPTEMBER 9

3GEN Ministries is hosting a *Daddy Daughter Dance* for men of the upstate area on **Friday**, **September 9**, 7:00–9:30pm, at Larkin's Sawmill (22 Graves Drive, Greenville, SC 29609)—a fantastic evening of delight, desserts, and dancing. Dads will receive detailed instructions with creative ideas on how to create an unforgettable date night with their daughters. Sign up at *3GenMinistries.org/ministryresources/dance*. (If financial assistance is needed, enter discount code "FPC50" during registration.)

IT'S JULY. ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS? Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week is in November, but back-to-school season is a great time to buy items for the children's boxes. You can separate large packs of pencils and crayons into baggies with paper or notecards; or fill old medicine containers with needles and threads or fishing hooks and line. Prepare now to share Christmas with children all over the planet. Visit SamaritansPurse. org/article/attention-shoebox-shoppers/. Questions? Contact Karen at kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

Evangelism, Brian Stewart

ALPHA COURSE: EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE

In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha offers a safe space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome and no question is off limits.

Each week **beginning Wednesday**, **August 17**, 6:00– 7:30pm in Room B315, we will join together to watch a teaching segment and then gather in small groups to discuss some of life's BIG questions. For child care and to register, contact Autumn Clark (aclark@ firstpresgreenville.org). For information, contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) or Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Events Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ACTS THE 3-MAN SHOW COMING SEPTEMBER 10 Acts the 3-Man Show, a full-length action drama based on the powerful New Testament book, is coming to the First Pres Sanctuary on Saturday, September 10, at 7:00pm. Armed with one of the great dramatic narratives in the Bible, three men take the stage to play all the roles—Peter, Paul, Stephen, Herod, Nero, and dozens of others. Acts the 3-Man Show, which has been touring the country since 2012, is a bold, unflinching, action-packed, moving drama that highlights the truth of the Word of God and upholds high artistic integrity. Professional and accomplished Christian actors Bryce Lenon, Gabriel Rivera, and Reggie Austin bring the resounding drama of the book of Acts to audiences. Come and experience the story of the early church as you've never seen it before! Tickets are now available at FirstPresGreenville.org. Be advised: The performance will depict violence, including stoning, shipwreck, trials, and fighting, per the biblical Acts narrative.

nights, Thursday nights, and Saturdays beginning in November. *Questions?* Contact Barry Smith (864.787.0251), John Bryson (864.419.6343), or clbbygreenville@gmail.com.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley REGISTER FOR RE|ENGAGE BY AUGUST 12

re|engage, a 15-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, or on Sunday evenings, in person only. The joint kick-off will be held Sunday, August 14, at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth– 5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org. To find out more, view the FPC re|engage video at *FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/adult-ministries/ marriage-and-family*.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

- ALL MEN INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS • Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast each Thursday, 7:30–9:00am (Formal Dining Room). Study the Bible one book at a time, currently in *Exodus*. Optional breakfast (\$4) at 8:30am. Contact Carl Evans (carl.h.evans@gmail.com, 770.5647).
 - Christian Men's Fellowship each Thursday, 12:00–1:15pm (Formal Dining Room). This group will not meet August 4 or 11, and will resume August 18.

Missions & Outreach, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ACADEMY MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP As we enter our 13th year of ministry at Hollis Academy, we are grateful for the hundreds of First Pres members who have given their time to faithfully serve our children there. If you are looking for ways to get involved at Hollis, pick up a card from the literature racks for a list of opportunities and First Pres contacts, and sign up now!

PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS AUGUST 25

"Perspectives," the premier course in North America on cross-cultural missions, will be offered in Greenville **August 25–December 8.** Through the stories of a different instructor each week, the Perspectives course will take you on a journey, looking in-depth at the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of God's global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, people, and tongue to Himself, and how you can be equipped to join Him. Classes this fall will meet on **Thursdays, August 25–December 8**, (with Thanksgiving week off), 6:30–9:00pm at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church. For information go to *MitchellRoad.org/localoutreachupdates;* contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org about scholarships for First Pres covenant partners.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

DAY OF PRAYER FOR GCS AUGUST 6

The HUB, a network of churches working together to **H**elp, **U**nify, and **B**less local schools in Greenville County,



Worship & Music, Susan Messer ORGAN ASSISTANT FOR A DAY

Rising K5 through rising 7th graders are invited to ring the chimes at the start or end of a Sanctuary service. Sign up at *tinyurl.com/FirstPresOrgan* or contact Sarah Wannamaker, our



organist, at swannamaker@firstpresgreenville.org. Watch for details about children's and youth music opportunities coming soon!

Announcements

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on **Sunday**, **August 28 or September 11**, please call Linda Sholtis at 235.0496.

Member News

BAPTISM (July 24, 2022)

Bennett Shockley Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Ellis Mills (Maddie)

SYMPATHY

- The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler III (Cathy) and family** in
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler III (Cathy) and family in the death of her mother, Esther Wilson, on July 22; and to Mr. Barry Scott Wilson in the death of his mother.
- Mr. Ken Robbins in the death of his wife, Esther Robbins, on July 23.

IN MEMORIAM

Esther Ward Wilson June 22, 1933 – July 22, 2022 Esther May Rhoades Robbins June 23, 1926 – July 23, 2022

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Geri Warren by Bev and Bob Howard

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND In memory of

- Kasey Dick by the Prime Time Class
- Jean Hoffman by Tim and A.B. Stewart
- **Ronnie Milligan Sr.** by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery **William B. Sturgis** by Jean and Larry Young; Frank and Tomi Kaye Simpson; Nate and Sugie Einstein; Ruth Roper
- TURNER MEMORIAL FUND
- In memory of
 - **Gerald Loyless** by Tim and A.B. Stewart; Lois Vick and family; Becky and Tad Boland

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 31 Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson

- Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream) • Children's Nursery (birth–age 3)
- **9:30am** Children's Nursery & Sunday Scho

First Pres Sports

YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS BEGIN AUGUST 1

K5–12th graders can sign up for church league youth basketball beginning **Monday, August 1!** Along with our new gym this year comes a new registration system. Sign up by clicking the *CLBBY* tab at *FirstPresSports.com*. We look forward to a great season ahead in our brand new gym. Don't miss out!

CHURCH BASKETBALL OFFICIALS NEEDED

The church youth basketball league is recruiting new referees (age 16 and up) to officiate at basketball games the upcoming season. If you have never officiated before, they will train you; if you have, they will put you right on the court! You'll earn \$20-\$30 per game. Games are played on Monday

is sponsoring a Day of Prayer for Greenville



County Schools. The goal is to have 200 churches commit to pray over every public school in the county on the same day, **Saturday, August 6.** First Pres is a liaison church for *Greenville High, Greenville Middle, Beck Middle, A.J. Whittenberg, East North Street, Hollis Academy, and Legacy Early College.* We encourage you to earnestly pray for these schools' students, teachers, administration, and families, that they will be blessed with protection, excellence, and discernment. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net).

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud SPECIAL LEMONADE & LEARNING

All women are invited to the last session of our

refreshing summer Bible series, Lemonade & Learning, featuring guest speaker Chrystie Cole, author of A Woman's Words: Getting to the Heart of Our Speech. Join us on **Tuesday morning, August 9**, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall!



(birth–5th grade)

• 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, AUGUST 1

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

• Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship: Exodus (Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

9:30am • Women: Throw the First Punch (Room 308)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

<mark>থূThis SUNDAY</mark>

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

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

> "SURPRISE!" 1 Samuel 1:1-18 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons**

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Watch for announcements in August about our Fall Wednesday Advantage schedule. Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am-9:40am • Sanctuary 11:00am-12:10pm • Sanctuary Live Streaming:

Facebook page:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville FPC YouTube channel: YouTube.com/ *FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville* FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream

Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall

Live Streaming: Ignite Facebook page: Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/ Ignite YouTube channel: YouTube.com/ *FirstPresIgniteWorship*

Please "like" & "subscribe" for easy access.



Prayer & Care

Encouragement & Support

If you would like a Prayer Minister or Cancer Caring Ministry member to contact you, please email Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org. If you need prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943 Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military

PRAYER List

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Betty Bennett, Susan Bennett, Gayle Boland, Jane Brennecke, Tom Brissey, Bryan Buchanan, John Burnett Jr., Joy Clawson, Annie Cobb, Stephanie

Cox, David Whittaker Crais, Ryan Crais, Harriet Crymes, Buddy Daniel, Levi Daniel, Nancy Deadwyler, Hammer Deadwyler, Judy DePriester, Franky Dillard, Gayle Duggan, Kenzie Etheridge, Malcolm Floyd, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman,

Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Marianne Graves, Betsy

Guffey, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Wanda Hightower, Sherry Hooper, Lynda Hoover, Amy Hunter, Jack Key, Marý Sue Key, Alíne Kilgore, Phillip Kilgore Jr., Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Tom

Lide, Jenna Livingston, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Jonathan Lotz, Bob MacCallum, Doug MacCallum, Judy MacCullum, Jane

MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Wyatt McCauley, Barbara McKenzie, John Michels Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Mitchell Poe, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Beth Ramsey, Nancy Ramsey, Ed Reed, Joann Reed, Jim Reynolds, Bill Rogers, Harriet K. Scully, Bob Shand, Lori Sharp, Janice Shartle, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Amy Simmons, Nick Simmons, Abby Simmons, Isaac Smith, Jerry Steeves, Bill

Stover, Carrie Stringer, Trey Suggs, Carol Taylor, Thomas Tiller, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Charlotte

Utter, Raelie Volnoggle, John Volpe, Nixine Waters, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Don Youatt, 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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- Perspectives Course
- Daddy Daughter Dance
 - Youth Basketball

Church Basketball Officials Needed

Hollis Academy Ministry Partnership

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

HOLLIS ACADEMY BOOK DRIVE

Today a reader... tomorrow a leader." -Margaret Fuller

Help us collect 350 new books for the Hollis Media Center by Sunday, August 21

Questions? Contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net) Thank you for your support of our ministry to Hollis Academy!

Pick up a book title

from Fellowship Hall, the Loggia, or Memorial Hall

Purchase the specific book listed

(at a local bookstore or online at barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com)

Place in containers around the church by August 21

EGRAPEVINE

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