

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

MILESTONE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

K4, K5, 2nd grade, and 4th grade students are invited to participate in this Milestone Sunday. Parents, please video your child reciting the memory piece, and then send your video to Tina Jones by **August 20**. The videos will be compiled and shown in the worship services on **Sunday, September 13**. *Questions?* Contact Tina (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0921).

COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

Thank you for your outstanding response to our Family on Missions and Pen Pals ministries! We are now planning to provide Community Care Packages to those in need.

During August, please bring some of these items to the boxes located at each church entrance: note cards and stamps, personal notes with Scripture, puzzle books, small-size shampoo, soap, hand lotion, etc., facial tissues, paper towels, sugar-free chewing gum and treats.

These items will be put in a shoebox-size box and placed on the porch of homebound folks in our church and community. Or you may choose to pack your own box, write a personal note, and deliver the package to the person assigned to you.

This is just another way to prove that our God cannot be quarantined! His love endures forever! For more details, please contact Karen King (kking@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0936).

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

CHANTICLEER/AUGUSTA ROAD MC •
Sunday evenings
Nicole Swiger: nicoleseiler@hotmail.com

NORTH MAIN MC • Tuesday nights
Mollie Murphy: mollielmurphy@gmail.com

POWDERSVILLE MC • Sunday evenings
Jud Wiley: pastorjud@cox.net

OTHER LIFE GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP, & BREAKFAST •
Thursday mornings
Ron Kennett: kennetts4usc@gmail.com

Marriage Ministry, Claire Ripley

REGISTER FOR RE|ENGAGE BY AUGUST 12

On Campus and Virtual Options Available

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.

Zoom Re|engage will be offered **Wednesday nights beginning August 19** and **Sunday nights beginning August 23**, 6:30–7:30pm

On-campus Re|engage will be offered **Wednesday nights beginning August 19**, 6:15–7:30pm.

Children's Programming (birth–5th grade) is available for the on-campus class only via the registration link in the confirmation email.

Cost: \$50 per couple. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org. Registration closes at 5:00pm on **Wednesday, August 12**. *Questions?* Contact Charlotte Joye (565.0956, cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

Membership Ministry, Claire Ripley

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 more details, contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS MINISTRY UPDATE

Our 11th year in ministry at Hollis Academy is going to be a very different year! Due to the Coronavirus precautions being implemented by the school district, volunteers will not be allowed in the school buildings for the foreseeable future. We will contact volunteers soon about ways to continue to help. Because our annual Back-to-School drive is also affected, we are planning with the new principal, Sofia Tsambounieris, how we can best be of help right now. More than likely, assistance with supplies will be needed. Keep an eye out for our update in next week's *GrapeVine* to find out how you can contribute. For now, please pray for the staff, teachers, students, and families as they prepare for a very different beginning to the school year. As always, we are grateful for the congregation's ongoing support of our ministry at Hollis Academy!

NATIONAL ONLINE 3DM CONFERENCE

For the last several years, FPC has received Huddle and Missional Community training from the 3DM organization. This year, members of FPC are invited to 3DM's National Online Conference that will be lived-streamed here on our campus **August 25-26**. To sign up for this event, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org. For more information about the schedule and content of the conference, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

Music & Worship Arts Ministry, Tom Barrett

SOUTHERN GOSPEL HOMECOMING CANCELED

After much prayer and consideration relating to current conditions, we decided it is wise to cancel the Southern Gospel Homecoming concert originally scheduled for later in August.

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).

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).

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAMING

View our Worship Services on **Sunday mornings** at FirstPresGreenville.org on the *Live Streaming* page, Facebook, YouTube, and FPC Live mobile app. **Live streaming times: 9:30am Ignite; 11:00am Traditional.**

FALL SCHEDULE DETAILS COMING SOON

This fall we will resume Life Groups, Wednesday Advantage, and other classes throughout the week. Watch for more information coming soon!

THE VINEYARD BOOKSTORE IS OPEN!

Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm

Need a special gift? Visit the First Pres Vineyard bookstore! Contact Stacey at 565.0920 with any questions or to schedule an appointment to meet.

POLL WORKERS FOR NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION

More than 1600 election workers will be needed for the General Election on November 3; at present about 700 have officially committed. If you or someone you know would consider a poll worker position, visit <https://www.scvotes.gov/poll-manager-information> for details and application.

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McMahan (Clare)** in the death of his mother, Elizabeth Jane Lacy McMahan of Greenville, on July 24.

Dr. and Mrs. Milt Lowder (Caroline) in the death of his father, Clayton Ralph Lowder Jr. of Sumter, SC, on July 27, and to Jay, McKee, and Emerson Lowder in the death of their grandfather.

The family of Betty Stone. Mrs. Stone died on August 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Brinkman Stone

October 4, 1925 – August 2, 2020

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND

In loving memory of

Libba Phillips by The Schilz Family

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In loving memory of

Nelle McPherson by Mr. and Mrs. Ty Bettis; Carolina Foothills Garden Club; Mr. and Mrs. Churchill Carter Jr.; Ms. Charlene Cromer; Four Bees Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gallivan; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gallivan III; Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe E. Hughes III; Mrs. Jean Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuhne; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Marchant; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Norwood Jr; Ms. Jackie Norwood; Ms. Ann Nuckolls; Ms. Elizabeth Pearce; Mr. and Mrs. Vick Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Satterfield; Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; Toledano and Associates, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery; Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

King Dixon by Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Stokes, Jr.

Alice Jarva by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Childers

Libba Phillips by Heritage Club Villas Homeowners Association

Bob Strait by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley

Dot Whitesides by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Nelle McPherson by Dr. Alex Patrick

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

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

Series:

“Rejoice: The message of Philippians”
“REJOICING IN THE PEACE OF GOD”

Philippians 4:2-9

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,
and FPC Live mobile app.

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Resting in God’s Presence – part 2

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10: 41-42).

We value those who fill their time with service and action. But that’s not what Jesus valued. Jesus valued Mary, who spent her time sitting at His feet. Jesus valued Mary’s willingness to make time to be with Him. And we don’t just find this teaching in this one instance either. Psalm 127:2 says, *“It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.”* Psalm 37:7 says, *“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”* Clearly there is a principle of rest and making space for God that spans across the entirety of Scripture.

So, how can we respond to God’s Word today? What does this principle of making time to spend with God mean for us? First, we have to choose to value God’s Word over the opinion of man. Martha was angry with Mary. Martha must have felt that Mary was lazy and selfish, the way many of us would. But Scripture is clear that Martha was wrong. Will you value God’s opinion over man’s? Will you choose to rest in God’s presence when the world is knocking at your door, telling you to get busy?

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, sstewart@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, **Cora Anthony**, Tammy Burkhalter, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Betty Chandler, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Fred Dickerman, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Lola Garrett, 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, Arthur Jeffrey, **Sara Karns**, 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, **Donna McCoy**, Nancy McDaniel, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Deryl McKinney, Sylvia McKinney, Kristin Mixon, **Linda Mobley**, Mozelle Moore, Lee Moseley, **Faye Mulligan**, George Murdaugh, Sandra Nix, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Joe Palmer, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Pat Quarles, Elizabeth Rahman, *Darst Yvonne Rose*, Roy Seaver, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Al Smith, Libby Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Emory Turpin, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmerman

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Assistant
Susan Stewart: 565.0966

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960
Prayer Requests: 565.0970

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August 9–15, 2020

WHAT’S INSIDE

Neighborhood Focus Par 3 for Hope

New Mission Opportunity:
Community Care Packages

Southern Gospel Homecoming
canceled

Register by August 12 for
Re|engage Marriage Enrichment

New Member Weekend
September 18-20

Fall Schedule—Details coming

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the ministry of FPC, visit
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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



Welcome!

Par 3 For Hope

Afternoon Golf Benefit for
Neighborhood**FOCUS**

3's GREENVILLE
GOLF COURSE

Thursday, September 17
2:00pm



Neighborhood**FOCUS**

2nd annual Par 3 for Hope

Thursday, September 17

2:00pm ● 3's Greenville Golf Course
(previously Cross Winds)

Support Neighborhood Focus's 2020-2021 Afterschool programs!

Two-person teams (\$250) and individuals (\$125)
Hole sponsorships (\$500) include a two-person team

Compete for a variety of prizes!

On-course games within the game:

Hole-in-one prize ● Himalayan putting contest

For more information or to register:

Keith Groce ● 704.7848 ● kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org.