



Ministry News

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

MILESTONE VIDEOS DUE AUGUST 20

K4, K5, 2nd grade, and 4th grade students are invited to participate in the next 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

Our new Family Mission ministry is providing *Community Care Packages* to those in need. During **August and September**, please bring some of these items to the boxes located at each church entrance: note cards and stamps, personal notes with Scripture, puzzle books, facial tissues, paper towels, sugar-free chewing gum and treats, small-size shampoo, soap, hand lotion, etc.

These items will be put in a shoebox-size container 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).

College Ministry

COLLEGE CARE PACKETS

Parents, please send us your college student’s information, including date of graduation and allergy list. This year we will be mailing packages to students at home, so please provide both home and school addresses. Forms can be found on our website at FirstPresGreenville.org. Please email your information to Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

HEALING FOR THE HURT OF DIVORCE

Divorce Care provides help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. You’ll learn ways to restore your hope and rebuild your life through the power of Jesus Christ. The next group, which begins **Wednesday, September 2**, at 7:00pm, will be an online Zoom group this fall through the national website for Divorce Care. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/119886> or contact Susan Stewart (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0966). Space is limited; registration ends on **August 24**.

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 Sunday Life Group or Missional Community, please email contactus@firstpresgreenville.org, and we’ll be glad to help you get connected!

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

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 additional information about the schedule and content of the conference, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

ALPHA COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

This fall on Wednesday evenings, we’re offering Alpha, a practical introduction to the Christian faith. Alpha is recommended for those seeking answers to life’s biggest questions and for those who are just getting started in the Christian faith. Classes will be on **Wednesdays, September 9–November 18**, 6:15–7:30pm in Room 303/304 for those who can attend in person and via Zoom for those who would like to video conference. To register, contact Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org). For details, contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

Music & Worship Arts Ministry, Tom Barrett

SOUTHERN GOSPEL HOMECOMING CANCELED

After much prayer and consideration relating to current conditions, we decided to cancel the Southern Gospel Homecoming concert originally scheduled for August 23.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

WEEKLY CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The Prayer Ministry invites you to join a weekly *Call to Prayer for the Nation* on **Tuesdays**, 12:00–1:00pm in Harper Chapel. We will come together with one voice to pray:

- Against fear and hatred across our nation
- For an outpouring of God’s grace and truth
- For the Church to awaken to its mission to pray, listen, and obey
- For our city, state, and national leaders
- For police, first responders, and medical personnel

If your time is limited, please drop in during the hour as your schedule permits.

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

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS THIS WEEK:  
“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH”

In the gospel of Matthew, the Sermon on the Mount is one of the best known but frequently misunderstood passages of scripture. Its condensed and compelling message makes attractive the teaching and lifestyle that Jesus calls us to.

Such an attraction causes us to pause and radically consider the quality of our lives, while seeking to be rid of any clutter and chaos. Don’t be surprised, however, if these chapters quietly ignite a warmth so deep and rich that you find yourself falling in love with Christ all over again. Such a study will help us develop a courageous faith which can have a radical impact on the culture around us.

FALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers over the past few weeks as we have been discussing and planning for fall activities at First Pres. Soon you will receive a schedule which will confirm the classes, Bible studies, and services available in September. Please watch the website, Facebook, *GrapeVine* newsletter, and your email for the full schedule and updated safety guidelines for this fall.

FREE DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR YOU!

If you haven’t already, this is a great time to check out Right Now Media, offered as a free gift to our congregation from First Pres! This digital library has over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults. To sign up, choose one:

- Text RIGHTNOW FPG to 41411
- Go to RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/firstpresgreenville

We hope this expansive library of biblical content will help you grow in your faith and deepen your walk with God.

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

BAPTISM (August 9, 2020)

**Louise Miriam Barrington**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Edward Barrington (Caroline)

SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Ms. Sydney Wood** in the death of her mother, Doris Buffet of Rockport, ME, on August 4, and to Asher Wood and Graham Bichell in the death of their grandmother.

**Mr. and Mrs. James Brice (Miriam)** in the death of her father, John Seaborn Creech of Sumter, SC, on August 8, and to Carlisle and Jake Brice in the death of their grandfather.

Memorials & Honors

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Dot Whitesides** by the Agape Class  
**Libba Phillips** by the Agape Class  
**Sarah Walker** by the Agape Class  
**Motte Grey** by the Agape Class  
**Steve Steiner** by the Agape Class  
**Charles Cady** by the Agape Class  
**Betty Stone** by the Agape Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Billie Schiera** by Mark and Carol Godfrey

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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

*Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for worship services.*

**9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

Looking Ahead

August 25-26	National 3DM Conference
September 2	Divorce Care Group begins
September 9	Alpha Course begins
September 18-20	New Member Weekend



### Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

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

**Series:**  
**“DEVELOPING A**  
**COURAGEOUS FAITH”**  
**Matthew 4:23–5:3**  
**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,  
 and FPC Live mobile app.

### Prayer & Pastoral Care

#### Resting in God's Presence – part 3

*“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 need to re-evaluate what we call success. Busyness and monetary gain aren't the definition of success in God's eyes. Working tirelessly, even for His kingdom, isn't the same as working with God. We have to make room in our lives to experience God and His promises.

God can't bring you peace and a deeper revelation of His love if you don't make time to encounter Him. Martha proved this concept. She was in the very presence of the living God and only experienced anxiety and frustration. You have to make time to sit at the feet of Jesus with no agenda. Simply being with God is foundational to living the Christian life. Isaiah 30:15 says, *“For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling.”* Be willing to rest. Make time for God's presence. He's waiting right now to restore you, to fill you with peace, to satisfy the longings of your heart. Wait on God today. Wait for the leading of His Holy Spirit. Receive the love and affection God is longing to give, and let it be the fuel that spurs you toward good works 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 Susan Stewart, [ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:ss Stewart@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](mailto:prayer@firstpresgreenville.org)

June Anderson, Cora Anthony, Tammy Burkhalter, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, 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, **Beth Husman**, Terri James, 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, **Yashma Patel**, 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, **Gary Spitzer**, 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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**First and Foremost** Program  
 on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
 Sundays at 10:30am

**ONLINE GIVING**



August 16–22, 2020

### WHAT'S INSIDE

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**for Hollis Academy**

**New Sermon Series**

**Alpha Course**

**New Mission Opportunity:**  
**Community Care Packages**

**New Member Weekend**  
**September 18-20**

**Fall Schedule—Details Coming Soon**

*For more information about  
 the ministry of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)*

## Our annual Back-to-School Drive for Hollis Students will Look a bit different this year...

Beginning August 24, 450 students will be attending Hollis Academy in person.

They need supplies for their desks in the classroom as well as supplies at home for e-learning days.

First Pres will order and deliver the needed supplies to Hollis before the students arrive.



**This year only**, instead of donating supplies, we ask that you support this endeavor financially.

For **\$12/student**, you can provide the materials a child needs both at home and at school.

Please send a check by **August 30** to First Presbyterian Church, earmarked **Hollis Back-to-School Project**.

**QUESTIONS?**  
 Contact Beth Simmons  
[simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net)

As always, **THANK YOU** for your generous support of our ongoing ministry at Hollis Academy.

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