



# THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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## Ministry News

*Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones*  
**PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 21**

We will officially be promoting students to the next grade **this Sunday, August 21**. To celebrate, the Children’s Ministry will provide special snacks and bounce toys during both Sunday School (2K–5th grade) and Kids Church (2K–1st grade). Children will tour their new classrooms, as well as participate in children’s worship and a Bible lesson.  
Rising 6th grade students will join the Junior and Senior Highs in Room D306 (CLC building).

**DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE SEPTEMBER 9**

3GEN Ministries is hosting a *Daddy Daughter Dance* for men of the upstate area and their daughters 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. Sign up at [3GenMinistries.org/ministry-resources/dance](http://3GenMinistries.org/ministry-resources/dance) (enter discount code “FPC50” during registration.)

**SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BUDDY BREAK**

Respite care is the number one unmet need among special needs families. Many parents and caregivers who lack respite care options have to “just keep going,” despite exhaustion, isolation, and discouragement. As one parent said, “When you have a special needs child, their demands are so great that you’re consumed.”  
How can we, as a body of Christ, come alongside these families? First Pres is offering **Buddy Break**. This is a quarterly “parents’ night out” for families with a special needs child. Parents can bring all of their children to the church for an evening of pizza and games while mom and dad take some much needed “time off.” The next two dates are **September 23** and **November 11**. Would you like to serve others in this way? Contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) or 565.0921.

*College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*  
**COLLEGE ADDRESSES FOR CARE PACKAGES**

Parents, please complete a College Information Form for your new or returning college student. Packages are sent out twice a year around exam time. Forms can be found at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (Connect tab, College) or in the literature racks. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)). Thank you!

*Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter*  
**SUPPORT GROUPS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

Our Wednesday evening *DivorceCare* and Sunday afternoon *GriefShare* Support Groups provide friendly, caring people to come alongside you through this difficult experience. The group leaders genuinely understand what you are going through and want to help. Helpful advice is also offered for “Surviving the Holidays.” See the *Grow@First Weekly Discipleship* booklet (pages 7, 10) for details.

*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, 7:00–10:00pm**. 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. Come and experience the story of the early church as you’ve never seen it before! Tickets (\$12) are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). **Be advised:** *The performance will depict violence, including stoning, shipwreck, trials, and fighting, per the biblical Acts narrative.*

*Finance Ministry,*  
**TAX TIP FOR CHARITABLE GIVING WITH AN IRA**  
Starting at age 72, the IRS mandates that IRA owners take annual income withdrawals, known as Required Minimum Distributions or RMDs, from their account. If you are in the situation of having to take an RMD and are also giving to the First Pres operating budget or Capital Campaign, you may want to talk with your tax advisor to see if giving all or a portion of your RMD to the church will be beneficial for you from a tax standpoint. If the answer is yes, you can talk with your IRA administrator about sending the

amount you desire directly from your RMD to First Presbyterian Church.  
You and the church will both benefit from this transaction: you will not have to report the amount given directly to the church as earned income on your tax return, and the church receives a nice donation for the operating budget, Capital Campaign, or Foundation. If you or your IRA Administrator need information or instructions about the process from the church’s perspective, please contact Bobby Hoffman ([bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Kristy Service ([kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe*  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL REPORT**  
This August marks the 70th year anniversary of the Downtown Preschool and the 54th year anniversary of the Garlington Road Campus. The Lord has truly blessed this ministry, and positively impacted our students and families. View the 2022 Head of School Report to see what FPA has accomplished over the last three years: [SimpleBooklet.com/fpaheadofschoolreport2022](http://SimpleBooklet.com/fpaheadofschoolreport2022).

*First Pres Sports*  
**SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL**

K5–12th graders can sign up now for church league youth basketball at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com) (click the CLBBY tab). We look forward to a great season ahead in our brand new gym. Don’t miss out!

*Life Connections, Claire Ripley*  
**NEW SUNDAY LIFE GROUP FOR 20-SOMETHINGS**  
*Cornerstone*, a new Sunday Life Group for 18-25+ year olds, will begin meeting **Sunday, August 21, 9:45–10:40am** in Room B401. Together we will gain a better understanding of the gospel and develop a community for you to call home each week. Our first study book, Dane Ortlund’s *Gentle & Lowly*, investigates the character and nature of Jesus. Contact Catherine Culler, [catherine@godshall.com](mailto:catherine@godshall.com).

**FALL 2022 GROW@FIRST WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP**  
To help you navigate the opportunities in our large, active church, our new fall schedule brochure describes all First Pres worship, children’s, youth, music, discipleship, and study activities. It is now available in the literature racks around the building and on the church website, [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

**HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF FIRST PRES**  
Are you interested in First Pres architecture, history, stained glass, symbols, and true stories of real people from 1848 to present? Our guided church tour of the Sanctuary and Harper Chapel on **Thursday, September 8, 3:00–4:30pm**, begins in the reception area. *RSVP* to Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Missions & Outreach, Brian Stewart*  
**HOLLIS ACADEMY BOOK DRIVE**  
Remember to purchase your book(s) for the Hollis Media Center and place them in the containers located around the church by **Sunday, August 21**. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons ([simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net)). Thank you for supporting Hollis!

**PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS AUGUST 25**  
“Perspectives,” the premier course in North America on cross-cultural missions, will be offered in Greenville on **Thursdays, August 25–December 8, 6:30–9:00pm** at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church. For details go to [MitchellRoad.org/localoutreachupdates](http://MitchellRoad.org/localoutreachupdates); contact Brian Stewart at [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) about scholarships for First Pres covenant partners.

*Student Ministry, Mason Simmons*  
**ROOTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**This Sunday, August 21**, new 6th grade students will join the Junior and Senior Highs in Room D306 (CLC building) for Sunday School (9:30am).

*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](http://tinyurl.com/FirstPresOrgan) or contact Sarah Wannamaker, our organist, at [swannamaker@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:swannamaker@firstpresgreenville.org).

**“IN THE STILLNESS” VOICE AND PIANO RECITAL**  
You are invited to a recital presented by Chelsea LaCourse, soprano, and Ruby Lee, pianist, on **Sunday, August 21**, at 3:00pm in Harper Chapel.

## Announcements

**NEW SERMON SERIES: DESIGNED FOR GROWTH**  
The Epistle of James is the first of what are considered the general epistles of the New Testament. It is characterized by an insightful and challenging call to live out our faith in the realistic demands and messiness of daily living. Each of the five chapters is packed with practical illustrations designed to motivate the will and strengthen the heart as we seek to grasp the life-altering truth taught by James. Please join us for this Sunday morning series you will not want to miss, at 8:00am, 10:45am Ignite, or 11:00am.

**SCOTLAND TRIP WITH DR. GIBBONS**  
Join Dr. Gibbons and Lindsay Graham for a trip to Scotland **June 6-12, 2023**. You’ll stay five nights at the Radisson Blu Hotel near the Royal Mile, with day trips to Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, St. Andrews, Stirling Castle, Wallace Monument, and Bannockburn Battlefield. Trip price of \$3600 per person (double) includes round trip airfare from GSP, hotel, transportation, tickets, all breakfasts, and two dinners. Register with \$600 deposit per person at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (*Featured Events*; Scotland Trip icon).

**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 or 18**, call 235.0496.

## Member News

**SYMPATHY**  
*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Betty Biggers in the death of her husband, Jim Biggers, on August 9.*  
**The family of Malcolm Floyd.** Mr. Floyd died on August 11.  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
**James Hoyle Biggers**  
*April 27, 1935 – August 9, 2022*  
**Malcolm Theodore Floyd**  
*August 21, 1928 – August 11, 2022*

## Calendar for the Week

**PROMOTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**  
*Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)*  
**8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)**  
• Children’s Nursery (birth–age 3)  
**9:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)**  
(birth–5th grade)  
• Youth Sunday School (Room D306)  
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)**  
3:00pm • Voice & Piano Recital (Harper Chapel)  
6:00pm • **re|engage** (Off campus/Zoom)  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 22**  
*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*  
6:00pm • Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
• Diaconate Meeting (Formal Dining Room)  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*  
7:00pm • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)  
• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**  
*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*  
5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Room D306)  
6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
• Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
• ALPHA (Room B315)  
• re|engage Marriage Enrichment (various rooms)  
6:15pm • Study: *Exodus* (Room B314)  
7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Room D302)  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**  
*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 B311)  
12:00pm • Christian Men’s Fellowship: *Doug Harper, “The Lord’s Prayer”* (Formal Dining Room)  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**  
*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*



Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

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

Series: "DESIGNED FOR GROWTH"

James 1:1-8

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  
will resume September 14.

Refer to our fall weekly schedule  
**Grow@First**  
for opportunities for all ages.

Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am–9:40am • Sanctuary  
11:00am–12:10pm • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

Facebook page:  
[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
FPC YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream](https://www.FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream)

Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall

Live Streaming:

Ignite Facebook page:  
[Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/)  
Ignite YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://www.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](mailto:tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).  
**If you need prayer or pastoral care**, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

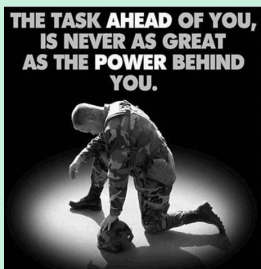
PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

[FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military)

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Betty Bennett, Susan Bennett, Jane Brennecke, Tom Brissey, Bryan Buchanan, John Burnett Jr., Joy Clawson, **Annie Cobb**, Harriet Crymes, Buddy Daniel, **Hammer Deadwyler**, Judy DePriester, Franky Dillard, Gayle Duggan, Tom Drake, Malcolm Floyd, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, **Dan Hoover**, Amy Hunter, Tom Lide, Jenna Livingston, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Jonathan Lotz, Bob MacCallum, Doug MacCallum, Judy MacCullum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Mary Anne Moroney, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Myra Phillips, **Christine Posner**, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Beth Ramsey, Nancy Ramsey, Ed Reed, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, **Fran Sanders**, Janice Shartle, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Amy Simmons, Nick Simmons, Abby Simmons, Jerry Steeves, Carrie Stringer, Trey Suggs, Carol Taylor, Thomas Tiller, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Nixine Waters, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

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*Italics* = In Hospital

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the transforming power of Jesus Christ

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ACTS the 3-MAN SHOW

REGISTER FOR

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- Perspectives Course
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Youth Basketball

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

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



Children's & Youth  
Choir Rehearsals  
begin in September



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

resume WEDNESDAY, September 14

**Cherub Choir**  
**K4–K5**

6:15pm Choir  
Room C205

6:45pm Bible Lesson  
Room C201

**Carol Choir**  
**1st–2nd grade**

6:15pm Bible Lesson  
Room C201

6:45pm Choir  
Room C205

**Covenant Choir**  
**3rd–5th grade**

5:30pm Choir  
Room C205

6:15 Bible Lesson  
Children's Wing

YOUTH CHOIR

resumes SUNDAY, September 11

**Resonate Worship • 6th–12th grade**

Music & other Performing Arts  
4:00–5:00pm • Harper Chapel

QUESTIONS? Lori Shelton • [LShelton@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:LShelton@firstpresgreenville.org)