

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

Our 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**.

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 live-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.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE FOR HOLLIS

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

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).

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 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).

I WAS BROKE. NOW I'M NOT.

I Was Broke. Now I'm Not. will be offered on **Wednesdays, September 9–October 14**, 6:00pm–7:30pm. Join our group for six evenings of practical, action-oriented, biblically based study. Our goal is to discover or rediscover concepts to inspire us to take charge of our personal finances. Key lessons include: *Learn to prepare a budget that actually works, Plan for living a life of purpose on purpose, Gain HELP and HOPE as we learn practical ways to manage our money, and Learn strategies to become debt-free.* This is a hands-on, group-discussion, workbook-driven course. Cost for materials is \$30, payable to FPC. Sign up by **August 28**. *Questions?* Contact Andy Douglas (565.0962, adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org).

Announcements

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

This fall's Wednesday noon and evening Bible Study will continue in the Epistle to the Romans. Join us **September 9–November 18** in Fellowship Hall for the Luncheon Study (12:30–1:00pm) or the Evening Study (6:30–7:15pm), taught by Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons.

As the Constitution is foundational to the United States of America, the book of Romans is the theological foundation of the Christian Life. The most formal and systematic of Paul's epistles, the main theme of Romans is that righteousness comes as a free gift of God and is receivable by faith alone. Repeatedly in its history, the Church has found in this epistle a catalyst for reform and a depth of understanding and new life.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY VIDEO: Symmes-Wilson Demolition and Time Capsule

We're remembering the past and looking forward to our future here at First Pres! Follow along as Lindsay Graham, former Activities Minister, opens a time capsule from 1974 and reminisces about what the Symmes-Wilson building meant to our congregation. View video at vimeo.com/447861932.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome **Tim Ballard**, who joined our team of sextons in May. Tim is a 1995 graduate of Liberty University, where he earned a B.S. in Religion, and served 24 years as pastor of a local church. Tim has worked for 12 years as a football and baseball assistant coach at Greenville and Berea High Schools, and in 2019 traveled the country with Cal Ripken Baseball as a pitching and hitting coach. In addition to his job as sexton, he now serves as the pastor of Ground Zero Ministries in Easley. Tim has lived his entire life in the Berea area of Greenville. He has three children, Christian (21), Brock (20), and Katy (18). Tim says, "I feel very welcomed at First Pres, and thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to assist in the advancement of the Good News of Jesus Christ."



FALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please watch the website, Facebook, *GrapeVine* newsletter, and your email for the full schedule and updated safety guidelines for this fall.

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.

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bruce Carraway (Virginia "Neely" Todd)**, who were married in the Sanctuary on August 15.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mrs. Dottie Cole** in the death of her sister, Nell Glenn Martin of Blacksburg, SC, on August 5.

The family of Virginia Anderson. Mrs. Anderson died on August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roddey (Meredith) in the death of his mother, Kathie Rice of Charlotte, NC, on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dixon (Margaret) in the death of his mother, Augusta Mason Dixon of Laurens, SC, on August 17, and to Anna Massullo and Sarah Dixon in the death of their grandmother.

IN MEMORIAM

Virginia H. Anderson

April 14, 1922 – August 15, 2020

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
11:00am • National 3DM Conference (online)
12:00pm • Call to Prayer for the Nation (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
11:00am • National 3DM Conference (online)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Looking Ahead

September 2	Divorce Care Group begins
September 9	Wednesday Bible Study begins
September 9	Alpha Course begins
September 9	<i>I Was Broke. Now I'm Not.</i> begins
September 18-20	New Member Weekend

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

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

Series:
“DEVELOPING A
COURAGEOUS FAITH”
Matthew 5:6-7
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 4

“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).

Let encountering God be your fuel for action today. Move as He moves. Wait when He calls you to wait. Surrender your day to the Holy Spirit and follow His guidance. There are whole days God is calling you to simply rest in His presence. Decide to value God's opinion over man's today, and spend time resting in the presence of your heavenly Father. There will be a time and place to work, seeing His kingdom come to earth, but He will faithfully lead you to those moments. Choose to wait on God today, rest in His presence, and experience a new strength for your day that can only be found in sitting at the feet of Jesus.

Ask God to guide you into a life of consistently making time to experience Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what needs to change in your life. What do you need to get rid of or say “no” to? Hand over whatever is holding you back from your heavenly Father in prayer. Cast all your burdens on His shoulders and find rest in His love.

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, Cora Anthony, Tammy Burkhalter, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, 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, 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, **Zeydn Steeves**, 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

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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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



August 23–29, 2020

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Fall Schedule—Details Coming Soon

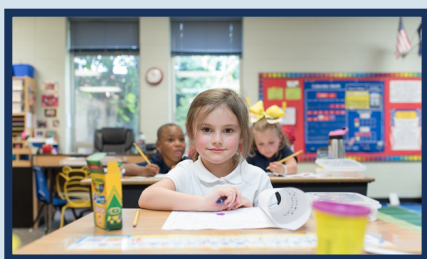
*For more information about
the ministry of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org*

August 23–29, 2020



Our World Has Changed. Our School Did Not!

After a successful virtual-learning end to the last school year, First Presbyterian Academy (FPA) is excited to kick off this school year with face-to-face instruction! The Mission and Vision of FPA have not changed, but the school day will look a bit different this year.



Morning temperature screenings, extra nursing staff, and face coverings in common areas will help keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy and in school.

The Shannon Forest campus began classes on Wednesday, August 19, with over 400 students in K3–12th grade.

The Downtown campus begins K2–K6 instruction on Wednesday, August 26, with 118 students.

As school begins, we remember:

- God has power over every storm.
- Fixing your eyes on Jesus leads to peace.
- Jesus is always in our boat.

FPA covets your prayers
for a phenomenal and safe year.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13 • School verse for 2020-2021

FirstPresAcademy.com