

Ministry News

Basketball Ministry

YOUTH BASKETBALL FOR 2020-2021

First Pres offers a basketball ministry for K5 through 12th grade with the Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). The CLBBY Board has chosen three options for the upcoming basketball season, as detailed at CLBBY.org. They plan to vote on **October 1** to determine which option to implement. Stay tuned for First Pres registration dates after the option is chosen.

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS SOON

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, we know it hurts. We want to help by providing you with the understanding, support, and encouragement you need during your grieving process.

Join us on **Sunday, October 4**, to begin a supportive 13-week session. We will meet 3:00-5:00pm, location to be determined. Workbook (\$15) will be available at the first class. Please register with Susan Stewart (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0966) right away, as the class is limited to 8 participants.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLLIS STUDENTS

Studies show that disadvantaged students struggle the most with online learning. As the Hollis Academy students are currently on a hybrid schedule (some days in class, others e-learning at home), there is a danger that they will fall behind in their academics. Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, a church in the Hollis community, is opening its doors to 12 students per day while schools are on the hybrid schedule. Pastor Windell Rogers is asking for our help in securing volunteers to work with students one day a week in a socially distanced setting. The church will host students Monday–Thursday, 8:00am–12:00pm. Please contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net) if you are willing to help make a real difference in the academic success of these children.

UNITED MINISTRIES' PLACE OF HOPE NEEDS: SOCKS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

United Ministries likes to give each of their homeless participants a pair of new clean socks, but they are down to their last 25 pairs. If you are able, pick up a package of new socks for these participants.

These past few months have shown a 300 percent increase in the need for food, and the demand hasn't subsided. United Ministries is running low on supplies for its food pantry and Place of Hope day shelter for the homeless. If you're able, help provide non-perishable food items (cereal, canned goods, boxed meals, etc.) to restock their shelves.

Deliveries can be made to United Ministries, 606 Pendleton Street, 8:00am–5:00pm on Monday–Thursday, or 8:00am–noon Fridays. Thank you!

Music Ministry

PEDALS, PIPES, & PIZZA SEPTEMBER 12

Are you curious about the contraptions that make an organ work? Do you know the basics, but want to see inside the chambers? An organ open house, "Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza," is **Saturday, September 12**, 10:30am–12:30pm in the Sanctuary (use choir entrance door). The event includes a short demonstration by Sarah Wannamaker; a technical discussion by the organ tuner; open console time,

where participants try playing the instrument; and a pipe peek, a tour of the inside pipe chambers. This is geared toward children ages 6-18, but all persons curious about the organ are invited. Register at greenvilleago.org. This event is sponsored by Music & Worship Arts and the American Guild of Organists Greenville Chapter.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER & PRAISE

The Tuesday Evening Prayer & Praise Service resumes in Harper Chapel **this Tuesday, September 15**, at 7:00pm. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are kept strictly confidential.

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.

Announcements

FALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers over the past few weeks as we have been planning FPC's fall activities. Our *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule*, available at FirstPresGreenville.org, details the classes, Bible studies, and services available in September, along with updated safety guidelines.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES BEGINNING 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. The evening study will also be live-streamed. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org; click *Media, Live Streaming*.

Children's and several adult classes also begin **September 9**. Details at FirstPresGreenville.org.

REGISTER TO VOTE

On **Sundays, September 20 and 27**, you will have an opportunity to register to vote for the November 3 election. Men's Ministry members will be available in Fellowship Hall and Memorial Hall immediately before and after worship on those two Sundays. You must register by October 1, so bring your picture ID, stop by, and fill out a form provided by the Greenville County Voter Registration Office. For details, contact Jim Williams (233.8269) or Bob Jones (234.1001).

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Reese (Brittany), on the birth of a daughter, Mary Crosby Reese, on September 2.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Furman (Nancy) and family in the death of his mother, Carolyn Hendricks Furman of Greenville, on August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Rip Penkert (Evelyn) and family in the death of her brother, William Alfred Sweat of Lakeland, FL, on September 5.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In loving memory of Virginia Anderson by Mrs. Kitty Young
Bob Strait by Ms. Ruth Lee*

HOLLIS ACADEMY FUND

In loving memory of Sarah Walker by Mrs. Dorothy Rollins

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of Augusta Dixon by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parks

Live Streaming Update

SUNDAY MORNING Worship & Education

IGNITE Contemporary Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall

Watch for Live Streaming updates at FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream and on FPC's Facebook page.

Traditional Worship

11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream

Sundays for Children

10:30am–12:15pm

Birth through K5 ONLY

Preregistration required:

FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children; click the date(s) to sign up.

Children 1st Grade and older should attend worship with their families.

Sundays for Youth

9:45–10:40am • Room 354 (Junior High Room)

Sunday Life Groups for Adults

9:45–10:40am • On campus and/or Zoom

Please refer to the **Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule** for class details, social distancing, and mask guidelines:
FirstPresGreenville.org.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early.

9:45am • Youth Sunday Life Groups (Room 354)
• Adult Sunday Life Groups (On campus, Zoom)

10:30am • Children's Nursery and Programs (birth-K5)

10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

• Re/engage Marriage Ministry (Zoom)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

12:00pm • Call to Prayer for the Nation (Chapel)

6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s): Bible Study (Room 303, Off campus)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:30am • Above All: *A Woman's Words* (various rooms)

11:45am • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

12:30am • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall)

4:30pm • Gospel Project: *Gospel of Mark* (Off campus)

5:15pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6:00pm • Study: *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not.* (Rm 309)

6:15pm • Study: *Alpha* (Room 303, Zoom)

• Study: *Why Israel?* (Formal Dining Room)

• Study: *Abraham, a Hero's Journey* (Rm 307)

• Re/engage Marriage Ministry (Parlor, Zoom)

• Children's programs (Nursery/215D/316/318)

6:30pm • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

• Junior and Senior High (Zoom)

6:45pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Off campus)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:00am • Men's Bible Fellowship (Zoom)

9:30am • Women: *Who Is Jesus?* (Off campus, Zoom)

• Women: *Even Better Than Eden* (Room 303)

• Women: *Best Work with Empty* (Room 305)

• Abide for mothers: *Elimination of Hurry* (Room 308, Zoom)

11:00am • Community Women: *Wisdom of God* (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: *First Pres Construction*, David Dixon (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:00pm • New Member Weekend begins (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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

Series:

“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH”

Matthew 5:17-20

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

For updates, visit

FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream
and FPC's Facebook page.

This WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Bible Study (12:30pm & 6:30pm)

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

Wednesday Meals (11:45am & 5:15pm)

Fried Fish, Grilled Chicken
Baked Potato Wedges, French Fries
Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Restored – part 3

1 Peter 2:9 says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” We have an identity that reaches far beyond simply getting through this life happily and successfully. Our identity now is to proclaim the unimaginable excellencies of our heavenly Father. We’re called to declare to the world the incredible power of our God, that He could take our weak and helpless lives, give us new names, place His Spirit within us, and ignite a passion so deep that no circumstance could ever change it.

This world is not your home. The nation in which you live is no longer your highest allegiance. You are the child of the Creator, the one true God, and He has made you new, whole, and purposed for works of eternal significance.

Allow the Spirit to fill you afresh and empower you to live a life worthy of the One who has saved you. There is no greater joy than living in light of the incredible gift of a restored identity we’ve been given by the grace of our heavenly Father.

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](mailto: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

Andy Anderson, June Anderson, Cora Anthony, Tammy Burkhalter, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Bob Carter, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Ethel Anderson DuBose, Frank DuPree, 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, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Beth Husman, Sara Karns, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Gerald Loyless, 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, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Joe Palmer, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Mason Powell, Pat Quarles, Elizabeth Rahman, Joann Reed, 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, Betty Usher, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, John Volpe, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, **Fran Woodside**, Jan Zimmerman

PRAYER REQUEST LINES
Congregational Care Assistant
Susan Stewart: 565.0966
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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE GIVING



September 13–19, 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

Women's and Men's Studies begin

Live Streaming Update

Wednesday Classes
beginning September 9

Register for Wednesday Courses:

The Alpha Course
I Was Broke. Now I'm Not.

New Member Weekend
September 18-20

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

Women's Studies

See FirstPresGreenville.org,
Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule icon,
for contacts & descriptions

Men's Studies

The Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer
Begins October 6
TUESDAYS • 8:30–10:00am • Room 305

Finding God Faithful, by Kelly Minter
September 15–November 10
TUESDAYS • 8:45–10:30am • Zoom

RADIANCE Bible Study (20s to early 30s):
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way, by Lysa TerKeurst
September 8–November 24 • Dinner & Bible study
TUESDAYS • 6:30–8:00pm • Room 303/304 &
Leaders' homes throughout downtown Greenville

ABOVE ALL: A Woman's Words, by Chrystie Cole
September 16–November 18
WEDNESDAYS • 9:30am–10:30am • Various rooms
& in homes & Zoom

The Gospel Project: Gospel of Mark
September 16–March 31
WEDNESDAYS • 4:30pm–6:00pm • Home of Jean Nickell

Who Is Jesus?
Began September 10
THURSDAYS • 9:30–11:15am • Home of Nancy Caudel
& Zoom

Even Better Than Eden, by Nancy Guthrie
Begins September 17
THURSDAYS • 9:30–11:30am • Room 303/304

God Does His Best Work with Empty,
by Nancy Guthrie
Begins September 17
THURSDAYS • 9:30–11:30am • Room 305

Abide, a Bible Study for Mothers
The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry,
by John Mark Comer
Begins September 17
THURSDAYS • 9:30–11:00am • Room 308 & Zoom

Thursday Community Bible Study Group:
The Wisdom of God, Seeing Jesus in the
Psalms & Wisdom Books, by Nancy Guthrie
Begins September 17
THURSDAYS • 11:00–1:00pm • Church Parlor

Foster and Adoption Support Group
Began August 27
Every other THURSDAY • 8:00pm
Alternating homes & Zoom

Men's Bible Fellowship

On-going
THURSDAYS • 9:00–10:15am • Zoom
Contact: Carl Evans • 770.5647

carl.evans@gmail.com
Men of all ages are invited to join us
as we study the Bible one book at a
time, Genesis through Revelation.

Christian Men's Fellowship

Begins September 17
THURSDAYS • 12:00–1:30pm
Lunch & program in Fellowship Hall
Contact: Bob Jones • 234.1001
rhjones@charter.net

Retired men of First Pres are invited
to come weekly for lunch (\$8) and an
informative, interesting, inspirational
program. **The September 17 program**
will feature architect David Dixon,
who will present an update with
pictures and a timeline for our
building construction.

Social distancing will be observed.

September 13–19, 2020