

## Ministry News

### Basketball Ministry

#### YOUTH BASKETBALL FOR 2020-2021

First Pres offers a basketball ministry for K5 through 12th grade with Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). The CLBBY Board plans to vote on **October 1** to determine which schedule option to implement. See CLBBY.com. Stay tuned for First Pres registration dates after the option is chosen.

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### PREREGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Children's Sunday programming** (5K and under) is currently offered only during worship (10:30am–12:15pm). Children in 1st–5th grade should attend worship with their families. Children must be preregistered online by **Wednesday** (11:00pm); go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children) and click the date(s) to sign up.

**Children's Wednesday programming** (6:15–7:15pm) is now available. Preregister by **Tuesday** (7:00pm) at [FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children) and click the date(s) to sign up.

### Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

#### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP: REGISTER NOW

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 ([ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org), 565.0966) right away, as the class is limited to 8 participants.

### Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERINGS

**Men's Bible Fellowship** meets on **Thursday mornings**, 9:00–10:15am via Zoom. Men of all ages are invited to join their Bible study. Contact Carl Evans (770.5647, [carl.h.evans@gmail.com](mailto:carl.h.evans@gmail.com)) for Zoom connection codes.

**Christian Men's Fellowship** meets on **Thursdays**, 12:00–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Retired and nearly retired men of First Pres are invited to come weekly for lunch (\$8) and an informative, interesting, inspirational program. Programs are listed in the *GrapeVine* Calendar for the Week. Contact Bob Jones (234.1001, [rhjones@charter.net](mailto:rhjones@charter.net)) for more details. Social distancing will be observed.

### 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](mailto: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 is running low on supplies for its food pantry and Place of Hope day shelter for the homeless. If you're able, help provide packages of new socks and 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!

### Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

#### TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER & PRAISE

The Tuesday Evening *Prayer & Praise Service* meets in Harper Chapel **every Tuesday** 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. If your time is limited, please drop in during the hour as your schedule permits.

### Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

Several weekly morning and evening Bible Studies for women have just begun, as listed in the *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule* (see [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)). For more information, please contact Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Claire Ripley ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)).

## Announcements

#### FALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Our *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule*, available at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org), details the classes, Bible studies, and services available for all ages, along with updated safety guidelines.

#### FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG WEBSITE

The church's website is a wonderful resource for all things happening at First Pres. Familiarize yourself with the home page and visit these pages to get the latest news and event information:

- Events/Featured Events (by ministry)
- Connect/All Ministries (list by ministry)
- Connect/Meals & Menus
- Media (for streaming/podcasts/newsletter)

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This fall's Wednesday noon and evening Bible Study will continue in the Epistle to the Romans. Join us 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 is also live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and the church's website [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org); click *Media*, *Live Streaming*.

#### 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).

#### SUBSCRIBE TO FRIDAYS@FIRST

Weekly *Fridays@First* emails by Dr. Gibbons highlight the events for the weekend and coming week. To subscribe, go to [FirstPresGreenville.com](http://FirstPresGreenville.com) and click *Media/subscribe*.

## Member News

#### BAPTISM (September 13, 2020)

**Adeline Ann Paulk**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Ryan Paulk (Kara)

#### CONGRATULATIONS

*The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Edwards (Heather)** on the birth of a son, Calvin Banks Edwards, on September 9, and to grandparents Dr. Tom and Dr. Janet Edwards.

#### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Mac McKeithan (Jackie)** in the death of his mother, Nora McKeithan, on September 8, and to Malcolm McKeithan IV in the death of his grandmother.

**The family of Betty Coffey.** Ms. Coffey died on September 13.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Nora Garner McKeithan**

*October 28, 1927 – September 8, 2020*

**Betty Gibson Coffey**

*December 7, 1932 – September 13, 2020*

## Memorials & Honors

#### FPC FOUNDATION

*In loving memory of*

**Nelle McPherson** by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson III; Ms. Kathryn Allen; Ms. Kathleen Matson; Brian and Patricia Rudisill

### Live Streaming Update

#### SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY Worship & Education

#### IGNITE Contemporary Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall

New Facebook page and YouTube channel for live streaming the Ignite worship service:

Ignite Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/>

Ignite YouTube page:

<http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship>

Please "like" and "subscribe" for easy access.

#### Traditional Worship

11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary

*Live Streaming:* Facebook, YouTube, and [FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream](http://FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream)

#### Wednesday Bible Study

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

*Live Streaming (6:30pm only):*

Facebook, YouTube, and

[FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream](http://FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream)

## Calendar for the Week

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

Please arrive 15–20 minutes early for screening.

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)**

6:30pm • ReJengage Marriage Ministry (Zoom)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

8:45am • Women's Study: *Finding God Faithful* (Zoom)

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

6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s–30s): Bible Study (Room 301, Off campus)

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

- Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

- ReJengage 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 24

*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 (Fellowship Hall)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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



Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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

Series:

“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH”

Matthew 5:21-32

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

For updates, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream  
and FPC’s Facebook page.

This WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

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

Baked Pork Chops  
Grilled Hamburger Steak  
Steamed Rice with Gravy, Vegetable Blend  
Fried Green Beans, Buttered Lima Beans  
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Light and Dark – Part 1

We live in the reality that there is both light and darkness around us at all times. This world has both good and evil, right and wrong. As believers we must grow in both our acceptance of this reality and our pursuit of the light. We must allow God to mold and shape us into those who rid ourselves of any darkness, become fully known to God, and allow His light to transform us into reflections of His Son.

We live in a world filled with darkness of all forms. On any given day we are inundated with temptation after temptation, lie after lie, darkness after darkness. But in the person of Jesus, a powerful hope has entered into the story of humanity. Matthew 4:16 says, “The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” You and I now have the choice to fill our lives with the light of God. We’re delivered from a life marked by darkness and set free to fill ourselves with the things of God.

May the Lord open our eyes to see the glorious light before us this week.

adapted from First15.org devotional September 10

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 Tammy Burkhalter, [tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tburkhalter@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)

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970

Andy Anderson, June Anderson, Cora Anthony, **Tom Banks**, **John Burnett**, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Bob Carter, **Luke Chapman**, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, **Levi Daniel**, 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, **Denise Portwood Hofstadter**, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Beth Husman, Sara Karns, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, **Florence Lawhorn**, 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, **Julie Rhoden**, **Ken Rhoden**, **Ruth Ritter**, 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

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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

Adult Sunday Life Groups

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

God’s design for each of us is to grow in Gospel-centered community. **ARE YOU IN A SUNDAY LIFE GROUP?**  
If not, we’d love to connect you with one! The Sunday Life Groups below now meet weekly, 9:45–10:35am.  
For details, please contact Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Claire Ripley ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)).

**Accountability** (mixed ages) • Room 404  
**Adventurers** (singles, 50 & up) • Room 307  
(contact Lee Langston, [Langston5234@att.net](mailto:Langston5234@att.net))  
**Agape** (mature couples & singles) • Room 303/304 (delayed until October)  
**Covenant** (mixed ages) • Zoom (contact Larry Bloomer, [larryb3008@att.net](mailto:larryb3008@att.net))  
**Crossroads** (couples & singles, 30s & up) • Formal Dining Room  
**Fellowship** (adults of all ages) • Room 309  
**The Flock** (50s & up) • Room 301/302 & Zoom  
(contact Mike Thomason, [bhjm4@aol.com](mailto:bhjm4@aol.com))  
**Foundations** (couples & singles, 30s–40s, with families) • Zoom  
(contact Adam Bach, [adamcbach@yahoo.com](mailto:adamcbach@yahoo.com))  
**The Gathering** (singles & couples, college-age, 20s) • Room 401 & Zoom  
(contact Margaret Dixon, [mdixon21@charter.net](mailto:mdixon21@charter.net))  
**Gospel Partners** (mixed ages) • Zoom at 9:30am  
(contact John Millener, [jmillener@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmillener@bellsouth.net))

**GRACE** (all ages welcome) • Room 306  
**Journey** (mid 20s–mid 30s, couples & singles) • *delayed start*;  
location TBD (contact Paul Halphen, [phalphe@gmail.com](mailto:phalphe@gmail.com))  
**Koinonia** (all ages, couples & singles) • Room 316  
**Next Steps** (new members & visitors) • Room 315  
**Prime Time** (adults of all ages) • Harper Chapel & Zoom  
(contact Dave Forry, [forrydcf@aol.com](mailto:forrydcf@aol.com))  
**R. N. Ward** (50s plus) • Zoom  
(contact Dawn Stewart, [dawnstewart@mindspring.com](mailto:dawnstewart@mindspring.com))  
**S.A.L.T.** (all ages, couples & singles) • Room 308 & Zoom  
(contact Jessica Goodwin, [jycg2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jycg2006@yahoo.com))  
**The Upper Room** (singles) • Zoom  
(contact Douglas Taft, [mncw411@gmail.com](mailto:mncw411@gmail.com))  
**The Way** (discussion group, mixed ages) • Zoom  
(contact Clay Brown, [claypbrown@gmail.com](mailto:claypbrown@gmail.com))

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