

THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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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 and click the date(s) to sign up.

Children's Wednesday programming (6:15–7:15pm) is now available for children birth–5th grade. Preregister online by **Tuesday** (7:00pm).

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES OCTOBER 4

Children's Sunday programming (birth–5th grade) will resume on **October 4 from 9:30–10:30am**. Children must be preregistered online by **Wednesday** (11:00pm). Watch the *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule* and the website for classroom details.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON/CHOIRS RESUME OCTOBER 7

Our regular Wednesday programming for children (birth–5th grade) will resume on **October 7 from 6:15–7:15pm**. Children must be preregistered online by **Tuesdays** (7:00pm). Watch the *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule* and the website for classroom details.

Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 1

Retired and nearly retired men of First Pres are invited to come weekly for lunch (\$8) and an informative, interesting, inspirational program. Our October 1 program is about the Wounded Warrior Project with guest speaker David Gotbold. Join us from 12:00–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Social distancing will be observed.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

TUESDAY EVENING HEALING & PRAYER

The *Healing & Prayer Service* is held each Tuesday at 7:00pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. You are invited to come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers requests 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.

Stewardship Ministry, Andy Douglas

COMMITTING OUR FIRST FRUITS

Sunday, October 18 is Stewardship Sunday and October 25 is Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully consider your response as we approach this season of committing the return of our "first fruits" to God's house. *Each should give what they have decided in their hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are two weeks into in-person Sunday school meetings and are so glad to be back. If your student wants to join us, we meet in the Junior High Room (354) 9:45–10:35am. Students must be screened at one of the FPC entrances prior to joining us and wear a mask at all times.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday night meetings will continue to take place on Zoom through the month of September. Beginning **October 7**, we plan to resume regular Wednesday night meetings in person for both Junior High (5:45–7:15pm) and Senior High (7:30–9:00pm). Registration will be required each week. A google doc has been distributed for sign ups prior to Roots. Dinner will not be served until a later date. Students should arrive 30 minutes early for check-in. All COVID-19 precautions will be in place.



Groundbreaking Celebration

**Sunday, October 4
12:15pm
CLC Parking Lot**

Please join us as we mark this historic event in our church! If you are unable to attend, we will be sharing a video of the event on the campaign website the following week (FPCTransformingtheHeart.city). To allow for enough parking for guests and handicapped in the CLC lot, please park in the Richardson Street Parking Garage that Sunday.

Announcements

FINANCE UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2020

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Church's operating budget and capital campaign during this past fiscal year. The past six months have been difficult at times for all of us, but we have been very encouraged by your stewardship.

For the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020:

Tithes and Offerings: \$6,195,391

Expenses: \$5,842,025

Final income was under budget by \$192,700.

Final expenses were under budget by \$546,000.

Giving to the Capital Campaign for the Fiscal Year

Contributions: \$5,424,802

Interest income: \$70,300

Total campaign income: \$5,495,102

Contributions for the life of the Capital

Campaign: \$9,329,711

Total gifts to the Operating Budget and the Capital Campaign for the fiscal year: \$11,620,193.

For the first two months of the current fiscal year which began in July.

Tithes and Offerings: \$870,014 (very close to budgeted numbers for this period).

Expenses: \$856,286 (under budget for the period).

Capital Campaign Gifts: \$744,746

If you have questions about pledging or giving online, Kristy Service (565.0929) in the finance office will be glad to help you.

FALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Our *Fall 2020 Weekly Schedule*, available at FirstPresGreenville.org, details the classes, Bible studies, and services available for all ages, along with updated safety guidelines.

REGISTER TO VOTE

This Sunday, September 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. 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).

Memorials & Honors

FPC FOUNDATION

In loving memory of

Jay Huff by Dr. John P. Clarke

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Virginia Anderson by Wiley and Nori Bourne; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams

Bob Strait by Ms. Eleanor Holmquist

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Nora McKeithan by the Agape Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In loving memory of

Billie Schiera by Dr. Pete and Rosalind Smith

Nora McKeithan by Jack and Pat Shuford; Mr. and Mrs. John Lay; the Bill Hendrix Family; Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts; Lee and Bonnie Powell

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

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 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:00pm • Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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 (Formal Dining Room, Off campus)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

10:00am • 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 (various classrooms, 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, OCTOBER 1

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, OCTOBER 2

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Live Streaming

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

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

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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

Series:

“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH”
Matthew 5:33-48

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

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

This WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

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

Savory Meatloaf, Roast Beef
Red Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Onion
Fried Okra
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Light and Dark – Part 2

We’re delivered from a life marked by darkness and set free to fill ourselves with the things of God. But still, there is a choice set before us. The light has come, but we have a real enemy trying to draw us back to the darkness at every turn. It’s for this reason Jesus said in Luke 11:34, “Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.” You and I must choose to look to the light if we want to be spiritually healthy and full of light. We must look to the light if we want the abundant life God offers us throughout every season of this life.

Paul writes in Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” I pray that God would train us to look upon only that which will fill us with more of Him. I pray that He would train our minds to think about only that which will truly satisfy the deep desires of our hearts.

adapted from First15.org devotional September 10

Encouragement & Support

If you would like a 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 Directory Tammy Burkhalter, by email to tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team:

call **565.0970**

or email

prayer@firstpresgreenville.org

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970

Tom Banks, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Bob Carter, Luke Chapman, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, Levi Daniel, 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, Nancy McDaniel, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Deryl 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, Julie Rhoden, Ken Rhoden, Ruth Ritter, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Gary Spitzer, Libby Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Emory Turpin, Betty Usher, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Fran Woodside, Jan Zimmerman

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Italics = In Hospital

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the transforming power of Jesus Christ

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



The Tool You’ve Been Waiting For!

The First Pres Online Directory!



We are excited to announce the launch of our new online pictorial directory. The online directory, accessible only to FPC covenant partners, will give you contact information for adult members and community groups.

Printed directories will be available soon in the Vineyard Bookstore. Please watch for more information in the next few weeks.

To access the directory from the **FPC Live** mobile app, click *Resources*, and *Covenant Partners Directory*. Then follow instructions #2 through #4 listed to the right.

QUESTIONS? Contact Barbara Seibel at bseibel@firstpresgreenville.org.



How to Access the First Pres
Online Directory

1. Go to **FirstPresGreenville.org**.
2. Click **Login** (top right)
Enter **Username** and **Password**. Click **Login**.
 - a. If you’ve never done this, click on **Register** and create an account by following steps provided.
 - b. If you’ve forgotten your previous account, click on **Forgot Account** and follow steps provided.
3. Hover over the drop-down arrow beside **Hello (Your First Name)**. Click **My Account**.
4. Scroll down until you can see (on the right)



Membership Directory

Use the Name Search Boxes or Alphabet to search for Adult Covenant Partners of First Pres.

5. From the My Account page, you can also click on a **Group** name to see all members of a community group.

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“I am the vine; you
are the branches.” JOHN 15:5