

Ministry News

Basketball Ministry

REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL!

First Pres offers a basketball ministry for K5 through 12th grade with Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). The CLBBY Board announced the season will run **January 2–February 25, 2021**. Registration is open until **November 1**; cost is \$70. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Youth Basketball* icon).

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Children's Sunday School (birth–5th grade) meets 9:30–10:30am, followed by Kids Church (birth–1st grade), 10:30am–12:10pm. Students K4 and older are asked to wear masks. Children must be preregistered online for both by **Wednesday** (11:00pm); go to FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children and click the date(s) to sign up.

Children's Wednesday activities (birth–5th grade) meet 6:15–7:15pm; doors open at 6:00pm. Students K4 and older are asked to wear masks. Children must be preregistered online by **Tuesday** (7:00pm); go to FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children and click the date(s) to sign up.

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

JOIN THE GRACE BEREAVEMENT TEAM!

The apostle Paul said, “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is... serving, let him serve... if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully” (Romans 12:5-8).

We are expanding our Grace Bereavement Ministry, which serves bereaved members of our congregation, and would love to hear from you if you feel called to fill this vital role. Please contact Susan Stewart (ssewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0966) for details on how you can serve.

Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones

SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

Did you know that...

- in Greenville County, 168 foster families are needed now?
- our goal is for every First Pres foster family to have a “support family” serving alongside them?

If you are you interested in filling either of these roles, contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Military Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

UPDATING FPC VETERAN INFORMATION

Our Military Ministry would like to honor those veterans who are current First Pres members by publishing their names in the church bulletin on Sunday, November 8. If you have not previously submitted your information, please complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Connect, All Ministries, MILITARY*) by **Friday, October 30**. Questions? Contact Tammy Burkhalter (565.0943).

Missions and Outreach Ministry, Brian Stewart

NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS BENEFIT OCTOBER 29

Join Neighborhood Focus on **Thursday, October 29**, at Cleghorn Gun Club (Rutherfordton, NC) for the 3rd Annual *Pull for Hope*, a sporting clays benefit to support the 2020–2021 Afterschool Program at Neighborhood Focus. BBQ lunch is at 12:00pm, followed by the Sporting Clays Shoot at 1:00pm. Multiple levels of participation are available, including individuals, teams, and sponsors, beginning at \$150. Please share with those you think may enjoy this opportunity! For details and registration, go to NeighborhoodFocus.org. Contact Keith Groce at 704.7848 or kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org for more information.

Music & Worship Arts

ARE YOU READY TO SING CHRISTMAS MUSIC?

“And Heaven and Nature Sing” will be the celebratory theme of *Christmas@First* 2020, to be performed **Saturday, December 12**, at 3:00 and 6:30pm.

Join our Christmas Choir! Rehearsals will be on **Sundays**, 9:00–9:40am and 4:00–5:00pm—choose morning or afternoon rehearsal time—beginning **Sunday, October 11**. Children and teens (grades 3–12) are invited to rehearse and sing with parents/grandparents. You can sing with a mask and/or face shield, and you will be encouraged to spread out in the Sanctuary during rehearsals. If you prefer to participate in rehearsals or performances virtually, contact Susan Messer (smesser@firstpresgreenville.org).

Stewardship Ministry, Andy Douglas

COMMITTING OUR FIRST FRUITS

“God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving.”

—Billy Graham

Please be in prayer as we enter into our season of committing our first fruits back to God's kingdom. *Stewardship Sunday* will be **October 18**, and *Commitment Sunday* will be **October 25**.

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

On **Sundays**, students in grades 6–12 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.)

Regular **Wednesday** night meetings have resumed 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.

Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Although most Women's Circles are delayed until January, two are meeting this fall:

Circle 3 invites all women to a monthly study on Zoom on the **second Thursday** of each month. The next meeting is **October 8** at 6:30pm. Email alisonquarles@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

Join **Circle 6** in the Parlor on the **second Tuesday** of each month, 10:30am–1:00pm, with Barbara Hanner leading on Ezra and Nehemiah. The next meeting is **October 13**.

Announcements

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 4, our groundbreaking ceremony officially marked the next stage of our campus development. Members of the congregation, church representatives, and community leaders were present to mark the historic day. If you missed it or want to relive this inspirational moment, view the video at FPCTransformingtheHeart.city (click VIDEOS for video; click NEWS for article and photo gallery.)

BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY DR. GIBBONS

Last month Dr. Gibbons read two excellent books about how to thoughtfully and intentionally live out your faith. The books are written by two South Carolina leaders who have occupied significant positions of national leadership amidst demanding and difficult circumstances. Neither is running for office this year. Dr. Gibbons says, “*Opportunity Knocks* and *Doesn't Hurt to Ask* are thoroughly enjoyable and highly recommended.” You can find these books in the Vineyard bookstore.

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. To access the directory, visit FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Connect, Covenant Partners Directory*) for instructions.

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

OCTOBER IS DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Many of you enjoyed the *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* dinner and fashion show last fall. View the video at <https://youtu.be/TMDetYViu3k>. Although we are unable to hold the event this year, remember to teach the young people you know that we are all *fearfully and wonderfully made*. Remember, too, to support individuals, organizations, and businesses that support and employ our friends with special needs.

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Rev. and Mrs. Stan Johnson (Stephanie)** on the birth of a grandson, Ethan Cole Johnson, on September 30. Parents are Andrew and Talitha Johnson.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Grady Burdette (Hannah)** in the death of her grandmother, Ruth Adelle James McGuire of Easley, SC, on October 3.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Please arrive 15–20 minutes early for screening.

- 9:00am • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am • Children's Nursery & Programs (birth–5th gr) • Youth Sunday School (Room 354)
- 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)**
- 4:00pm • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm • Re/engage Marriage Ministry (Zoom)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 6:00pm • Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 8:30am • Women's Study: *The Armor of God* (Rm 305)
- 8:45am • Women's Study: *Finding God Faithful* (Zoom)
- 10:30am • Circle #6 (Parlor)
- 12:00pm • Call to Prayer for the Nation (Chapel)
- 6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s–30s): Bible Study (Formal Dining Room, Off campus)
- 7:00pm • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel) • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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)
- 5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Room 354)
- 6:00pm • Study: *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not*. (Rm 309)
- 6:15pm • Study: *Why Israel?* (Formal Dining Room) • Re/engage Marriage Ministry (various classrooms, Zoom) • Children's programs (Nursery/215D/316–318)
- 6:30pm • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall, live stream) • Radiance Women (20s–30s) (Room 403)
- 6:45pm • Radiance Women (20s–30s) (Off campus)
- 7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Room 352)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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 16

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Live Streaming SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY Worship & Education

IGNITE Contemporary Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall

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, OCTOBER 11, 2020

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

Series:

“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH”
Matthew 6:9-18

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

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

This WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 14, 2020

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

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

Baked Ham, Glazed Orange Chicken
Steamed Asparagus, Breaded Okra
Green Beans, Oven-browned Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes with Cheese
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Happiness in Challenging Times

Have you found it difficult to be happy during these past few months of uncertainty? Satan would love nothing more than to steal your joy, but the fact is he might dampen it, but he cannot steal it. Just like our salvation, our joy comes from the Lord and no one can take it from us! In Psalm 86:4 we read, “Give me happiness, O LORD, for I give myself to You. O LORD, You are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for Your help.” Let us remember to ask God for happiness and to lean on Him as He is our provider and sustainer. Let us continue to boldly ask God to give us happiness and humbly accept that He has blessed us with so much joy, even in the midst of uncertainty.

Lord, fill us with so much joy that others see You in us. Help us to give our worry, anxiety, doubt, and negative attitudes to You so we can fill our lives with the good things You have for us. You are our source of happiness. Continue to bless us as we serve You. Let our lives echo with laughter. Help us to find the silver lining in every trial and offer forgiveness for every wrong. We trust You, Lord, to help us choose joy. We praise You for showing us how to live our lives full of joy each and every day. In the name of Your precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN!

Encouragement & Support

If you would like 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

Alice Bell, Ann Bush, Daryle Bush, Luke Chapman, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lucas Clayton, Deborah Clyde, Levi Daniel, Ray Denny, Ethel Anderson DuBose, **Pat Dukes**, Frank DuPree, Malcolm Floyd, **Eddie Gambrell**, *Becky Garcia*, Lola Garrett, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Tom Green, **Allen Gresham**, Natalie Hall, *Ruby Hall*, T.G. Hanner, Jim Hastings, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Denise Portwood Hofstadter, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Florence Lawhorn, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Nancy McDaniel, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Kristin Mixon, Linda Mobley, Mozelle Moore, Lee Moseley, 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, Jane Shaw, 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, Charlotte Watson, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Fran Woodside, Jan Zimmerman

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

ONLINE GIVING



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the ministry of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

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Send Good News and Great Joy—

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX DRIVE

Be a part of changing children’s lives all over the world
in Jesus’ Name through a simple gift!

- Pick up a shoebox with instruction/label pamphlet from the Loggia or Fellowship Hall, or use a regular shoebox
- Fill your shoebox with requested items
- Return it by **Monday, November 16**
- OR you can choose to **build a shoebox online** at SamaritansPurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/



Bring hope to families around the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS? Contact Karen King • kking@firstpresgreenville.org • 565.0936
Or visit SamaritansPurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/