

### 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

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

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.
- 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/ Questions? Contact Karen King (565.0936, kking@

firstpresgreenville.org) or visit SamaritansPurse.org/ what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. Thank you for spreading good news and great joy!

#### SCRAP WOOD NEEDED FOR ADVENT FESTIVAL

For this year's Family Advent Festival, Children's Ministry needs scrap wood, eight inches wide, any length. Bring wood by November 15 to the conference room near Children's Ministry, or contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) for pick-up. Thank you!

### 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 (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0966) for details on how you can serve.

### Military Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

### **FPC VETERANS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 9**

The Military Ministry is hosting our annual luncheon for FPC Veterans and their spouses on Monday, November 9, 11:30am–1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We would love for you to join us if you are a member of FPC and have served in the armed forces. Guest speaker will be retired MG Mastin Robeson, USMC. Lunch is included and there will be a prize drawing. Space is limited, so please register at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Events*) by Monday, November 2. Questions? Contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director (565.0943, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

### **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. 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.

It's not too late to join our Christmas Choir! Rehearsals are on **Sundays**, 9:00–9:40am and 4:00– 5:00pm—choose morning or afternoon rehearsal time. 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).

#### Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

In the movie Unplanned, the group praying outside the Planned Parenthood clinic was 40 Days for Life. First Presbyterian is invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the Greenville abortion facility on Grove Road now through November 1. If you want to spend an hour bringing the power of prayer to saving preborn children from abortion, please sign up at 40daysforlife.com/greenville or contact Meredith Roddey at 846.395.2701.

#### Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

### NEW STUDY: HOW DO YOU SEE THE WORLD?

All women are invited to join our Thursday Community Bible Study Group as we begin a new study, Christian Worldview, by R. C. Sproul. This five-week study will meet **Thursdays**, **October 22–November 19**, 11:00am–12:30pm in the Parlor. In this series, R. C. Sproul examines today's popular worldviews and demonstrates that only the Christian worldview truly answers life's most important questions. There are no workbooks and no homework, but come prepared to take notes, ask questions, and discuss deep practical truths from God's Word. For details contact Joanne Quantz (843.340.3316) or Grace Lynn Curry (299.5268).

### Announcements

### **BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY DR. GIBBONS**

Dr. Gibbons highly recommends two books written by South Carolinians who have occupied positions of national leadership amidst difficult circumstances: Opportunity Knocks and Doesn't Hurt to Ask. You can find these books in the Vineyard bookstore.

### FIRST PRES ONLINE DIRECTORY

Our new online pictorial 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. Watch for more details.

### **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.

### **STAFF NEWS: WELCOME!**

Trish Alford joins First Pres as Receptionist, with experience in various positions from drapery fabric store owner, to IT company administrative assistant, to real estate and property manager. Growing up in Taylors, Trish attended Lee Road Baptist Church,



and now lives in Greer near her son, Reid (and his wife Tia and son Lance), her daughter, Morgan, and her parents. Her hobbies are cooking, entertaining, gardening, and playing tennis.

Leah Cloud is serving as Women's Ministry intern to assist Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley through the end of this year. Leah grew up in Long Beach, CA, went to college in Chattanooga, and earned a B.S. in Missions/Cultural Studies and an A.A. in Deaf Studies. She



served almost 10 years overseas as a missionary in Nepal, focused on women's discipleship and fighting human trafficking. Leah and her husband Chris have two children, Quincy (31/2) and Hadassah "Haddie" (1).

# Calendar for the Week STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 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 19**

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

8:30am • Women's Study: The Armor of God (Rm 305)

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 • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

### • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346) 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) • Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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 22**

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

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 • Women's CBS: Christian Worldview (Parlor) 12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

### Memorials & Honors

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

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### **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

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2020** 

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

**Series:** 

"DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH" Matthew 6:19-34 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons** 

**Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship** 

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

### This WEDNESDAY

### **OCTOBER 21, 2020**

Bible Study (12:30pm & 6:30pm) Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: Romans

Wednesday Meals (11:45am & 5:15pm) Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Corn on the Cob, Steamed Carrots Steamed Broccoli with Almonds Macaroni and Cheese Salad, Rolls, Dessert

### Prayer & Pastoral Care

### **Prayers for Favor**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17)

Favor is a powerful thing. Favor gives you good things you don't necessarily deserve. It also gives you what you need to accomplish what you couldn't do on your own. Favor can be given from person to person (Esther 2:17; 5:8; 7:3), from God to people (Genesis 6:8; Psalm 84:11) or from both (Luke 2:52). Whatever the case, favor is something to pray for on a regular basis. As we go into spiritual warfare, the battlegrounds

are rough terrain, but we do not go alone. God said He would never leave nor forsake us. He has instructed us to be strong and of good courage, to put on His armor, and to ask for His direction, His blessings, and His favor.

Dear Lord... I ask that I would find favor with You and with others who will be able to help me fulfill the purpose You have for my life. You tell me in Your Word that I will find favor with You when I live my life with love and righteousness... Thank you for Your favor, God, because it is the key to my victory. In Christ's name. Amen.

> from Prayers for Victory in Spiritual Warfare, by Tony Evans

### **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, Keith Blackwell, Ann Bush, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Levi Daniel, Ray Denny, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Allen Gresham, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, Denise Portwood Hofstadter, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, George Murdaugh, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Mason Powell, Pat Quarles, Julie Rhoden, Ken Rhoden, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Gary Spitzer, Libby Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Betty Usher, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Charlotte Watson, Lysle Wiley, 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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### WHAT'S INSIDE

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**Operation Christmas Child** 

Veterans Luncheon November 9

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

First Pres Online Directory

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

**Shoebox Drive** 

Live Streaming Worship & Education Sunday & Wednesday

## Stewardship Sunday OCTOBER 18 This day is dedicated to prayerful consideration of our

commitments of our time, our skills and talents, and our possessions to First Presbyterian Church for the coming year and beyond. We are instructed throughout Scripture to return these "first fruits" with a cheerful and generous heart.

## Commitment Sunday OCTOBER 25

Next Sunday we will return the commitment cards that we receive in the mail October 20-23. You may make your commitment in person at our services that Sunday, by mail, or online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click Give).

# Commitment 2021

## STEWARDSHIP

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

EGRAPEVINE

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



### New Members October 4, 2020

Ed and Kim Brackmann
Anne-Marie Himmell
Ginny Johnson
Rietje Lulsdorf
Joy McManus
Buster and Nell Mobley
Ryan, Stephanie, Charlie, and Ava Troyer
Anthony and Libby Stewart

### New Members October 11, 2020

Molly Louise Bozeman
Taylor Alexander Goodwin
Pamela Lynn Stukey Hazlett
Parker and Anna Lee McTeer
Steve and Amy Murray
Jonathan and Laura Stair

### **Confirmands Class of 2020**

Mr. Mitchell Briggs Jr., son of Coty and Aften Briggs Miss Adelaide Brown, daughter of Clay and Sarah Brown Miss Anna Bruner, daughter of Terrence and Christine Bruner Miss Aurora Clements, daughter of Ross and Jessica Clements Mr. Hollis Coleman, son of Graham and Jennifer Coleman Miss Hadley Darwin, daughter of Trey and Jannie Darwin Mr. Maddux Doll, son of Josh and Emily Doll Mr. Hampton Garrett, son of Hunter and Aimee Garrett Miss Anna Greer, daughter of Reg and Sarah Greer Mr. David Greer, son of Reg and Sarah Greer Miss Mckinley Griffeth, daughter of Jackson and Lesley Griffeth Miss Kori Guest, daughter of Russell and Darst Guest Mr. Tucker Hendrix, son of Jim and Elizabeth Hendrix Miss Maria Jones, daughter of John and Tina Jones Mr. Matthew Lewis, son of Rob and Nancy Lewis Mr. James Madden Jr., son of Mike and Beth Madden Miss Ellie Melzer, daughter of Scott and Audrey Melzer Miss Sidney Mitchell, daughter of Sidney and Katie Mitchell Miss Liza Parker, daughter of John and Sydney Parker Miss Ellie Pestrak, daughter of Bob and Jen Pestrak Mr. Michael Pestrak, son of Bob and Jen Pestrak Mr. Steven Shanesy, son of Todd and Carolyn Shanesy Mr. Adam Sobke, son of Kyle and Stephanie Sobke Mr. Givens Stewart, son of Givens and Elizabeth Stewart Mr. John Waldrop, son of Michael and Eugenia Waldrop Mr. Will Wright, son of Jimmy and Heidi Wright Miss Mary Helen Yoder, daughter of David and Kat Yoder

October 18, 2020

BAPTISM (October 11, 2020)

**Duncan Iain Fraser** 

son of Mr. and Mrs. Iain Donald James Fraser (Chelsea)

#### **SYMPATHY**

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

**Dr. and Mrs. Dean Davis (Tonya) and family** in the death of his brother on October 6.

**Dr. and Mrs. Tom Baumgarten (Beth) and family** in the death of her father, Kenneth Maxwell Fisher of Greenville, SC, on October 7.

(New Members on reverse)